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Energy policy decisions 'must not be delayed'

secisions on a long-term energy policy for tain were needed urgently, Sir Derek Ezra, al board chairman, said yesterday. Moves by esident Carter, who is expected to ask Congress day to raise the petrol tax from 4 cents to cents a gallon this year, made it imperative to se the policy firmly on indigenous fuels, parularly coal.

Mr Carter to ask for 5 cent petrol rise

in dustrial Correspondent Calls for the Government to sen decisions on a long-term ergy policy were made yester-y by Sir Derek Ezra, chair-an of the National Coal Board. Speaking on the eve of Presiint Carter's energy policy
int carter's energ d the coalmining capacity at it needed until the end of as century and beyond. By the turn of the century the lard wanted two thirds of the dustry's plant to be new or

"We shall need to invest be-een £350m and £400m every ir between now and the end the century", he said. "For these reasons decisions on r Plan 2000, in the context of energy strategy for Britain, list not be long delayed."

iir Derek, who was speaking the Fuel Luncheon Club in noon, said that President rier's statement today on the nd for urgent energy econopled with his decision to trict the reprocessing of clear fuels, was further eviace that energy supplies uld remain a matter for intertional concern.

The Jesson for Britain was r. The country had to get its orides right by adopting a g-term energy strategy based digenous fuels, principally L Consumption of proved serves of oil and natural gas th its peak before the end of artic century,

the Organi-1 and Development had

Charkon Athletic football and on Monday of last the supporters of Chelsea lbe refused terrace tickets

announced yesterday.

away games in future, it

e for sport, made that deci-

after discussions with the

aball Association and the aball League. He took into

sideration violence at Luton Nottingham during Chel-matches earlier this season.

he restriction, similar to placed on Manchester ted supporters a fortnight will not take effect until 17, when Chelsea visit Wol-

mpton Wanderers, one of

future, all terrace tickets Chelsea's away games will

available only to supporters he bome team. Tickets will

be on sale on the day of a

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emphasized the gravity of the situation, he said.

The nation's offshore oil and gas reserves were important in the short term, but given their limited life, it was necessary that there should be a sensible policy to limit the rate of their

It was of importance that leading oil industry executives were attaching great significance to coal as a complementary, and not competitive fuel. Britain had sufficient coal reserves to last at least 300 years at present rates of mining.

"The preservation of a large, efficient coal industry will not only give Britain the chance to use its valuable but limited oil and natural gas reserves to the

and natural gas reserves to the maximum benefit, but will also safeguard the longer-term posi-tion". he said.

Decisions had to be taken soon because of the long time

it took for energy investment to have its effect. Support for an energy conser-

vation programme along American lines was urged yesterday by Professor Ian Fells, Professor of Energy Conservation at Newcastle University. Britain needed tougher conservation laws to reduce the country's energy consumption, he said. Fred Emery writes from Washington: Mr Carter is expected to ask Congress today for authority to raise the tax on persol by five cents a gallon iron the present four cents.

If petrol consumption does not decline, he will want further annual increases to bring the tax to 30 cenes. At present to 70 cents a US gallon. The US gallon is a fifth smaller than the Imperial gallon.

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Criminal or disciplinary proceedings urged against members of security forces in Ulster

Irish demand for British action at torture case hearing

Strasbourg

Mr Declaq Costello, the Irish Attorney Coneral, yesterday tried to force the British Government to institute criminal of disciplinary proceedings against members of the security forces involved in the introduction of internment more than five years ago.

Although no names have been mentioned publicly, several of those who would be affected are known to be still involved in combating terrorism in Northern Ireland. They include senior officers in the Royal Ulster Constability.

Ban lifted

on reports

about pop

tion granted earlier in the day which would have prevented publication of further instal-

ments in a series in the Daily Mirror on the private lives of

tage, it seems to me that they cannot complain if a servant or

employee of theirs is persuaded that there is another side to

their image which it is in the public interest should be reade known. If the information published was untrue the men could bring an action for dam-

Earlier Mr Justice Slynn at

a private hearing granted the singers and their manager on injunction restraining the Daily Mirror and Mr Hutchins from making use of confidential in-

formation about their private

singers

pop singers.

By a Staff Reporter

in the European Court of Human Rights at the ourset of the final round of the bitterly contested case between the Irish and British governments over alleged torture in Ulster.

In his submission, which took up all of the first day of the hearing. Mr Costello argued that the court had the power to order the British Government to take action against the men as appropriate under the relevant criminal law or relevant disciplinary code".

The Irish government's at-tempt to force Britain's hand covers both soldiers and police-

techniques and others respon-sible for a large number of alleged incidents of brutality at different interrogation centres throughout Northern Ireland.

The move was first raised in a letter to the court earlier this year. But yesterday, for the first time, Mr Costello spelt out his reasons for believing that the court has the power to make the necessary orders. His insistence is certain further to aguravate ill feeling between the two governments over the

case,
"In the applicant govern-ment's submission", he said,

teace not merely to find that violations of the convention occurred, but also to require that a respondent government take such measures as the court considers are required by its considers are required by its decision for the purpose of securing the aims of the convention."

The case is the first between two governments to come before the court in its 18-year history and there is uncertainty about the extent of its power to en-force sanctions on member countries of the Council of Europe. But Mr Costello argued that any orders made against Britain could be supervised by

week. During the secret sessions of evidence heard by the sious of evidence heard by the European Commission on Human Rights, witnesses from the security forces, who were identified only by code names, did not admit responsibility for any individual acts of brutality. Mr Costello also urged the

judges to expend the original verdict of the commission and find Britain guilty of

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Dog ceasing to be the Briton's best friend

From Our Correspondent

Geneva, April 19 A "rising tide of hostility" to dogs in Britain is noted in a report by the World Federation for the Protection of Animals, based in Zurich.

It said this is because of objections to their fouling public places and "the growing fear of rabies and dauger of transmission of other diseases".

France, West Germany and Hulland as examples of countries with serious difficulties because of excessive and uncontrolled populations of dogs and

It put the estimated dog popu lation of Dritain at about six million, including 400,000 homeless ones. Of the estimated 2.740,000 born each year fewer than 50 per cent found homes. "The remainder will die due to lack of food, disease or

fic accidents, or they will be put down", the report added in 1974, about 870,000 puppies were destroyed. The extent of such massive killing was kept as secret as possible but people were hesi-

tant to turn over 2 dog to organizations where they stood only a 50 per cent chance of surviving and the animals were allowed to run loose instead. The report said the killing rate was now on the decline. The Royal Society for the Pre-

vention of Cruelty to Anima's had our down only 163,000 in 1975, less than half the annual average a few years carlier. The federation sees the spin

ing of bitches as one solution to over-population, with a reduced licence fee as a possible incentive to owners.

It mentions that in Russia



Bernard Sindall's "Seated Woman" being moved for the Royal Academy exhibition on May 21. | the streets is customary, espe

Whitehall draws up new timetable | Sir Eric may owe for Rhodesian independence

Diplomatic, Correspondent

A new timetable for Rhode-sian independence is now being examined in Whitehall. Granted all the uncertainties of Mr Inn Smith's arrivade, the Two episodes in the week-long series had already appeared in the Daily Mirror. Under the headling, Tom Under the headling. Ton Jones Superstud", a number of Mr Jones's former lovers were ramed, including the American singers Miss Mary Wilson and Miss Nancy Wilson, the American model, Miss Joyce Ingalis, and the former Miss World, Miss Marji Wallace. His professional and personal rivalry

Government believes that Rho-desia could become independent as the new state of Zim-babwe by the spring or summer of next year.

The first step will be to hold consultations with all the parties concerned with the proposed constitutional con-This process is likely to begin in June or July. The Rev Ndabaningi Sith-

The Rev Ndabaning Sith-ole, leader of the African National Council group, told Dr Owen, the Foreign Secre-tary, yesterday that he was ready to astend a constitutional conference. At a meeting at the Foreign Office Dr Owen said that aknough he had no doubt that the Africans' armed struggle would succeed in the end, it could do so only at enormous cost to life and prop-

While none of the parties involved apart from Mr Sichole have yet signalled their will-inguess to take part in the conference, no one has refused. The point of the coming con-sultations will be to test their readiness, and particularly the commitment of Mr Smith.

Assuming that these soundiogs were successful, legisla-tion would be introduced at Westminster, to prepare for the conference and eventual independence for Rhodesia, before the end of this year. The final stage would be elec-tions in Rhodesis, probably early in 1978, depending how long it takes to make the necessary arrangements.

Dr Owen had a meeting with the United States Charge d'Af-faires, Mr Ron Spiers, vesterday to discuss the timetable and the next stage. One point that has already emerged is that the proposed constitutional conference would not be held in Geneva, which after the last failure has an unsuccessful aura about it.

opposed in report

Home loans call:

reduction was not enough

A report by the National Water Council on last year's drought rejects the idea of a national "water grid". It says future droughts should be tackled by flexible

deployment of resources and development where necessary of new ones. Regional water authorities are well organized for that task, the report concludes Page 5

Mr Callaghan called on building societies

to make a further reduction in mortgage

interest rates as soon as possible. He was responding in the Commons to mounting pressure from MPs. Labour members complained that last week's 1 per cent

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of the European Commission, backs American stand against further reflation after talks with President Carter 6

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to troops and officials in effort to contain

Johannesburg: A South African commis-

sion which urged Parliamentary repre-sentation and more freedom for Coloureds

has attacked Government rejection of the

As Salisbury would no doubt be unacceptable to the Afri-cans, and Mr Smith can hardly come to London, it is likely that some other venue in Africa would be favoured.

While the British offer to hold the ring in an interim government in Salisbury, before independence, still stands, the new timetable implies an entirely different setup. The period between the constitutional conference ending and the elections being ing and the elections being

would be as short as pos-

sible. Consequently only some kind of holding operation—still to be discussed in principle would be required. Dr Owen left a senior official, Air Denis Grennon, in Luanda after his brief meeting with President Neto in Angolu. Mr Grennon's task will be to report on the African presidents' discussions, and possibly to pay a visit to the British mercenaries in jail.

British hopes of opening an embassy in Luanda have been ruised after the meeting with President Neto. Up to now the Italians have been looking after British interests.

Our Parliamentary Correspondent writes: Dr Owen reported to the Commons yes-terday on his southern Africa and indicated that yet

another conference aimed at a Rhodesian settlement is almost certain to come about within the next few months.

Although his safari was hailed by all MPs (with the exception of Mr Enoch Powell) as a notable success, it was difficult to detect any impor-tant differences from the inter-minable initiatives daring back the early Wilsonian which would give greater hope of a satisfactory outcome.

Mir John Davies, from the Tory front bench, congratulated the Foreign Secretary with words more suited to a final, bloodless and successful end to the Rhodesian saga, rather than merely the abnouncement of a possible conference aim-ing at a doubtful settlement.

For the Conservatives, the proposals that Dr Owen should himself chair the parts of the proposed conference having a political content and that the United States should attend in its own right, were enough to gain their support.

The Foreign Secretary revealed little of the terms for the next conference, and even less about any assurences he may or may not have had from any of the African presidents and leaders or from Mr. Smith.

He said an international development fund with the United States as a main con-tributor to help the country after a settlement would be on the agends of any conference. There would have to be intensive consultations before the opening of a conference and much of those would have to take place in Rhodesia.

Dr Owen told the House that the "front line" presidents made clear to him that they would continue to support the armed struggle until they were convinced that majority rule was a reality. But they supported the present strategy as giving some hope of a peaceful transition.

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further '5-figure' sum derstand his comment that be

At least a further "five figure" sum could be owed by Sir Eric Miller to Peachey Property Corporation, which on Monday revealed that Sir Eric had repaid personal debts of over £227,000 to the group.

The accounts also showed eacher's nuclitors (Price Waterhouse) investigating whether a further 5282,000 "was properly incurred on the business of the group '

chairman from Sir Eric, said yesterday: "He has been noti-fied there are further sums due for what has been drawn this, year, and there will be some further ones. We are not finished yet."

Sir Eric, who stepped down as Peachev's chairman and managing director three weeks ago, has since made it clear that he will fight to stay as a director despite the opposition of his fellow board members.

statement on Monday saving that he saw "no reason . . . to justify the request by other beyond the 1975-76 year-end directors. for his resignation are not yet complete, but Mr has angered Lord Mais, who bell confirms that they amount said yesterday: "I cannot until "at least a five-figure sum.".

does not know (why he was asked to resign), it was ex-plained to him very carefully." As Sir Eric is unwilling to 20 quietly, his fellow directors and Peachey's Grancial advisors, Barciays Merchant Early, are preparing an explanation for shareholders of the decision to ask for Sir Eric's resignation. This document will be circulated ahead of the onnual meeting on Friday, May 13. Apart from a clear explana-

accounts to Sir Eric's personal dealings with Peachey, it is expected that the document will bring up to date the information on Sir Eric's personal debts to

the group.

As the 1976 accounts cover the year ended June 24, 1976, Mr Charles Ball, chairman of Barcleys Merchant Bank commented that in view of the private debts shown in those accounts "it would be unrealisor despite the opposition of the story just because it is the end of the story just because it is the refusal to resign and his the company's year-end?.

Takement on Monday saying Details of personal debts

owed to the group by Sir Eric beyond the 1975-76 year-end

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presence of Ronald Biggs, the escaped to Train Robber, at a Royal Navy hip party in Rio de Janeiro, and the he evaded an officer trying to make itizen's arrest", has embarrassed the I Navy, which is investigating the ent. Two MPs will question the nee Secretary about Navy hospitality

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Law Society, which represents services commission. In evidence to Royal Commission on Legal Services or that such a body would lead to cessary bureaucracy and undesirable entration of power Page 4

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ania has announced that it is tightenthe closure of its border with Kenya-tions between the two countries have florated with the virtual collapse of East African Community Page 7

Acas meeting leads to Heathrow initiative By Tim Jones

policy by Government

The Government is not seeking to dictate arrangements for pay after July, when the present restrictions expire. Mr Millan, Secretary of State for Scotland, told the Scotlish TUC. It wanted to discuss with the TUC what could be done to find a mutually acceptable way forward. In spite of the Minister's speech, the STUC is expected to support a call for ending incomes policy.

MPs in lunch protest

Two British MPs at the European Par-

Two British MPs at the European Fal-liament in Strasbourg are urging a boycort of the new Parliament building in protest at poor facilities. After some MPs had queued for an hour without getting lunch, Mrs Elaine Keller-Bowman, supported by Mr William Hamilton, suggested sitting in Lucamberra.

More than a thousand "loyalists" pro-

More than a mousand loyalists. Protested outside Portadown courthouse in
support of members of a vigilante group
facing prosecution over the setting up of
checkpoints. Speakers led by the Rev Ian
Paisley told of a "long, hard road" that
would end at the doors of a reopened
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Protest by 'loyalists

Labour Reporter

Another attempt will be made today to pave the way for a sertlement to the three-week unofficial dispute involving engineering workers at Heath-row which has cost British Air-ways more than £35m and halted many services. The initiative came after a

five-hour meeting at the offices of the Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service (Acas) and was the first time the five shop stewards leading the action have taken part in formal table. As a result of the talks, shop

stewards representing other Heathrow workers are to meet to decide whether they can agree a joint claim on shift pay with the engineering workers.

During yesterday's meeting,
it emerged that the main area of disagreement was a joint formula for claims over shift

The proposals for a joint approach by all the unions on better shift payments will be r Brian Mears, chairman of lsea, said: "We have made clear to the hooligan elediscussed today at a joint meet-ing of British Airways' Over-Continued on page 2, col 3 | seas and European divisions and

incomes policy

with Mr Humperdinck was also chronicled. Details of Mr

chondria were listed, pill by

Humperdinck's alleged

ad rivalry

After the meeting Mr George Guy, chairman of British Airnence negotiating panel, said:
"There was a slight shift on
the part of the five engineering shop stewards, but there is still quite a long way to go regarding a joint approach."

Mr James Mortimer, chair-man of Acas, said: "We under-stand each other's position now-better than we did before the

Mr Reginald Eirch, national executive officer of the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers, said: "People have come closer." Meanwhile, British Airways operated most of its long distance flights from Heathrow and more than three fifths of

its European services.

A further sign that the Heath-A further sign that the Heath-row engineering workers are becoming isolated came when their colleagues at Manchester voted to return to work yester-day after being on strike for a week. Their decision means that the airline can operate all its flights from Manchester to Europe today. Europe today.

'No dictation' over pay 'Water grid' proposal



Mr Sithole: Ready to take part in conference.

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Government 'not seeking to dictate Tory leaders Man in the News: Mr Costello, architect of Irish social policy arrangements for pay after July', minister assures unions

Rothesay Giving an insight into Cabinet thinking on incomes policy, Mr Millan, Secretary of State for Scotland, said yesterday that the Government will not seek to dictate the level of pay rises when the present wage curbs

expire in July.

Speaking during a debate on economic policy at the Scottish TUC at Rothesay, he said: "In considering what pay arrange-ments might follow present agreements we must remember the wider context of the social contract with the TUC to which

the Government are pledged. The £6 policy and the current 5 per cent policy were suggested by the TUC and endorsed by the Government. In the same way, the Government are not seeking to dictate arrangements for pay after July.

"We want to discuss with the

TUC what can be done in the in overseas markets, provided it present situation to find a is not all thrown away in a mutually acceptable way for general free-for all."

country generally.2 Despite the minister's sooth-

ing words on wage restraint, the Scottish TUC is almost certain to back a resolution from the militant miners demanding an end to incomes policy today. After the surprise defection of the Transport and General Workers Union to the miners? camp, it seems likely that the government workers will abstain, leaving other unions isolated in the STUC general support the miners.

Mr Millan apologized for intervening in the delicate. area of wage restraint due for ebate this morning, but told elegates: "Following the economic measures we have introduced last year and this, we are now on the point of being able to reap the benefits in the form of more competitive prices in overseas markets, provided it

not confined to the Labour Party; there were also Conser-

Those who shout 'No' must

Bill when we acceded to the Treaty and we will do so."

Mr Callagban will be at the PLP meeting again today, ready to intervene if he thinks it necessary. He feels strongly that Britain should meet its

commitment to the other EEC

governments and get the legi-sistion through in time for the elections to be held, as planned, in May or June next

The Commons debete will be

be eliminated and women should be treated as equal to men in both contributions and

system should be

ward in the best interests of In a speech clearly designed trade union members and of the to win greater backing for the social contract, he said: "In the discussions over the coming months between the Government and the TUC we must face the realities of the economic situation. But, of course, the Government accept that we must also take account of the realities as they present themselves to pay negotiators after the past two years."

> Shortly after the minister spoke the conference approved a resolution deeply critical of the Government's economic

Britain's difficulties are in large part a consequence of serious under investment in British industry. "We hold that neither the effect of wage rises on inflatine errect of wage tases of third-tion, nor the steady rise until recently in public expenditure, are major root causes of Britain's economic problems. The central problem has been a failure of private 'enterprise' to invest in British industry."

dwell on pay restraint difficulties Conservative leaders bave

begun to concentrate on the Government's difficulties in establishing agreement the trade unions on a third year of pay restraint.
Lord Thorneycroft, the party chairman, said last night in Gridsby that Mr Jack Jones had made plain that the Gov-ernment's claim to office, that it was the sole authority capable of maintaining the present form of incomes policy, "must

character". Sir Geoffrey Howe, QC, shadow Chancellor of the Exchequer, said in Eastbourne that "from Mr Jones's latest speech it seems that the architect of the social contract him-self now believes it to be at an

be at best of a transitory

Lord Thorneycroft argued to his by-election audience that the Labour Government had run out of any effective authority to govern, and the Lib-Lab pact had associated the Liberal Party with the final stages of a political disaster. Increasingly, Liberals who were not esso-ciated with the left were mrning to a broadly based Conservative Party determined to govern in the national interest.

He added: "The national interest will not be determined

so much by economic theory or party dogma as by a com-mon-sense recognition of the facts. We are going to move whether we like it or not, from world of night controls over incomes, prices and profits

freedom."

Mr Jones, Lord Thomeycroft said, did well to emphasize that freedom could be
good if it was matched by
responsibility. Given thet,
Britain could move forward to
higher wages, higher profits,
higher productivity, and in
that advance the Conservative
Perty would play a leading
role.

What was needed was not new Acts of Parliament; it was for made unionists to find some kind of faith in their own leaders and for all men to

Sir Geoffrey Howe said that if the social contract was dead it was because it had destroyed itself. It had destroyed differentials, and led to the massive increase in public spending, borrowing and taxation which collapsed the pound and stoked up prices.

It imposed the price and

profit controls that had so damaged the will and capacity of British industry to invest for new employment.

for new employment.

Mr Jones was right, he said, to give warning of the dangers of "confetti" money and to counsel moderation in wage claims, "but he is dangerously wrong if he believes, as he seems to, that the dangers can be headed off by a renewed squeeze on private industry ". That would only repeat the errors of the past, and build up even worse difficulties of inflation and unemployment.

A deal patched up by a few ministers and trade union leaders was not enough. The need was for an understanding by everyone in Britain of the realities of the national situation, and a genuine acceptance of the need for restraint in the interests of working people.
Only a fresh Administration could hope to create that.

to have attacked Mrs Waters's car while she was demonstrating against the hunt as a member of the Hunt Saboteurs' Association, the magistrates decided to bind her over in the sum of £50 for a year.

Mr Walter Chappell, chairman, said: "It is not for your to take the law into your own. Such an understanding should include also the case for higher profits, lower public spending, less government, more freedom and rewards for enterprise. That meant a government with the authority and courage to tell the people the truth.

Political swan-song is crusade against British

For Mr Decian Costello, the deceptively mild-mannered Irish Astorney General, the long-running coctore case against the British Government has become something of a per-

The last round of formal proceedings, which opened yesterday in Stresbourg, is also destined to become the political swan-song for a man who has provided the impetus for press-ing ahead in the face of bitter crincism from British anthori-At the age of 50 Mr Costello

has announced his intention of bowing out of Irish politics at the election due later this year. Inevitably the verdict from the 18 European judges will provide the finale to a career many Dubliners had expected to con-tinue until Mr Costello emulated his father and be-came Prime Minister.

Mr Costello's reasons for his sonal and family ones, similar to those that persuaded him to withdraw from Parliament in 1969, before returning as



Mr Costello: Designer of anti-terrorist laws.

Attorney General after the election in March, 1973. Since then he has played a central role in many of the condition government's most controversial decisions in its continuing struggle against the Provisional IRA. Unlike his

Attorney General attends all Cabinet meetings, although until the appointment of Mr. Cosrello few had held sears.

A serious political thinker,
Mr Costello is generally
acknowledged as the architect of much of the present social and economic policy of the Fine Gael party. This was outlined during the 1960s in a voluminous collection of re-

search documents under the title Towards a Just Society. The move towards a welfare that those heralded antagonism from party traditionalists, but also gave him a popular following in the

Although the decision begin hitigation against Britain was taken by his predecessor, Mr Costello has pursued the case with a zeal that has some-times embarrassed colleagues conscious of its potential for damaging Anglo-Irish relations. From the outset he has argued privately that formalized protection of human rights in Ulster is essential in the search for an eventual political solua case seen by the British a ready-made IRA propagand. Mr Costello has spent much the last year defending an designing the republic's ne anti-terrorist laws.

He has also been at the centre of the continuing Angl Irish dispute over extradi

gestions -that Ireland's interpretation of its wri Constitution is motivated any ambiguity towards rend can extremists. Bedevilled by ill health.

Costello is regarded by son observers as an above average politician who has somelio failed to reach his full potenti Others note his setting up permanent Law Reform Co Department of Public Prosec tions as the mark of a man wh has had lasting influence the Irish legal system. But the British he will be remer bared chiefly for his relently pursuit of the European court first inter-state case to i

Troubles for Labour over direct elections

By George Chark

Mr Callaghan again reacted angrily when some Labour back-benchers in the Commons yes-terday showed their opposition to direct elections to the Euro-Party; there were also conservative opponents, he said.
"I say to both groups, the country decided this issue at the referendum", said Mr Callaghan, raising his voice to drown the cries of dissent coming from his own side of pean Parliament.

With the Cabinet volit on the

issue Mr Callaghan also has to face the prospect that, apart from the parkiamentary private secretaries who are generally grouped with the payroll vote, there will be a majority the Bill to authorize the elec-tions, if and when it is brought

Mr Foot, the Lord President of the Council, has already ack-nowledged that the Cabinet is divided, and that no decision will be taken until the Government has heard the views of MPs in the two-day debate which begins in the Commons today and is to be concluded on Monday.

Even greater attention is being paid to the views of the Parliamentary Labour Party which meets this morning to continue the debate on the issue which began before the

Before the PLP debate was adjourned last time, Mr Callaghan told his critics: "We ore in Europe to stay and it is high time we realized this. When is the party going to come to terms with reality?

Yesterday in the Commons he was just as exasperated when Labour backbenchers interrupred his answer to a Conserva-

Football supporters segregated

cheises last night stopped supporters taking alcohol on to the special train going to Okinam and extra precautions were taken by the police in London, where Manchester United were playing Queen's Park Rangers. In the event, the United supporters seemed on their best behaviour possibly because of their team's 4—0 defeat. A few youths were escorted from the terrace by the police. "Those who shout 'No must look the facts in the face."
"Untrue!" shouted Mr. Mendelson (Penistone, Lab).
"He does not make it untrue by shouting so", retorted Mr. Callaghan. "It is contained in the Treaty. All this will be debated tomorrow. We have said that we would introduce a Bill when we acceded to the

Busmen in west London had refused to carry United supporters. Ten routes through the area of the Queen's Park Rangers' ground were halted

He added that, as was their ing supporters were segregated from the rest of the crowd. Youth's pledge: A repentant Chelses supporter arrested for hooliganism during the Chelses v Nottingham Forest match on Saturday, said at Horseferry Road Court, London, yesterday

Vandal watchmen

either men or women, or both, providers for their families or dependents, with either allowed to draw benefits. Unemployed married women should have access to full unemployment benefit.

tive MP, Mr Paul Channon (Southend, West). Opposition to direct elections in Britain was

they continued to misbehave. Measures have to be taken to stop hooliganism and I only hope this measure is effective.

Mr Martin Phillips, secretary of Queen's Park Rangers, said before the match no special precautions had been taken. Games against Manchester United had always been among their most peaceful fixtures.

that he would stop going to

marches.

Mr Kenneth Harrington, the magistrate, who has said he would take a tough line against football hooligans, told him:

football hooligans, told him:

"Perhaps the message is getting through at last. Hooliganism ac football metches is ruining everyone else's fun.

Neil Halliday, aged 17, clerk, of Cleveland Road, Surbiton, Surrey, who admitted threatening behaviour, was sentented to 12 hours at an attendance centre on Saturday afternoons. centre on Saturday afternoons. Two other Chelses supporters who also admitted threatening behaviour received similar sen-

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Glasgow City Council is to employ 58 uniformed estate guards with two-way radios to alert police to vandalism in the Poliok, Castlemilk, Balgrayhill and Red Road areas.

Mr Paisley leads 'loyalist' protest | Demand for in support of vigilante group

Belfast More than 1,000 "loyalists" at Portadown, co Armagh, yes-terday to support members of a vigilante organisation facing prosecution and to hear promises of a militant campaign

to end direct rule. Most shops in the town closed for the demonstration as speakers, led by the Rev Jan Paisley, MP for Antrim, North, told of a long, hard road that would end at the doors of a would end at the doors of a reopened Stormont parliament. Hundreds of RUC officers were drafted in to police the demonstration, which was organized by the United Unionist Action Council in support of the Ulster Security Corps, but there was no crouble. Yesterday five members of

Yesterday five members of the organization were due to appear before the magistrates' court charged with obstructing a road with a checkpoint. Another 30 members, including several former RUC reservists

The cases were adjourned.

Mr Ernest Beard, leader of the United Ulster Unionist Movement, said that he and Mr Paisley should be prosecuted because they had taken part in

From Our Correspondent

hunting was attacked by frunt supporters, who poured oil over her car, sproyed paint on it, let the tyres down and hit her in the face with a fox's brush, the prosecution said at Market Bos-

worth Magistrates' Court, Leicestershire, yesterday. Mrs Valerie Waters, aged 45,

mrs valente waters, agen 15, a company director, was a witness in a case against four supporters of the Atherstone Hunt. After hearing the case against four men who were said to have attacked Mrs Waters's

Woman witness in hunt

case is bound over

patrols. "I want to challenge the powers-that-be to prosecute and not those who carry them

The action council said last week that it would use new and legal tactics. Yesterday Mr Baird, with perhaps the Ulster workers strike of 1974 in mind, said the campaign would do the maximum harm to the enemies of Ulster.

IRA is destroyed for ever and those areas where they breed will have to be changed. There are areas in which the innocent, so-called, are not prepared to punish the guilty. That caudot go on. I would like you to think about those words and what they mean."

Mr Paisley emphasized that the goal was a democratically elected parliament, giving civil end religious rights to all. The crowd, which had sung hymns outside the courthouse, marched behind Mr Paisley and Mr Baird for a short way into the centre of the town, where the demonstration and other court or described to the court of the town, where the demonstration and other town. stration ended.

Before the court appearance the Ulster Security Corps organized checkpoints round Porta-down on Monday night. But the

interfere with people who enjoy

Little Aston, Birmingham, said:

"I was doing nothing wrong.
I went to the bunt because my
sole aim is to save the lives of
wild animals and not to cause
trouble. This is a travesty of

justice and if need be I am prepared to go to prison rather than be bound over for some-thing I am completely innocent

The magistrates told Mrs Waters that she could be sent to prison for up to six mouths but adjourned the case to next

mouth for Mrs Waters to seek

The four men were each bound over in the sum of £50 to keep the peace for a year. One of them was riso fined £10

legal representation.

Mrs Waters, of Roman Road,

police said they had lasted only There were few other signs hearing

of support for the organiza-tion, although a meeting of Craigavon borough council was adjourned for a time on Mon-day over a motion backing it. The RUC was searching yesterday for the morderer of Mr William Strathearn, aged 39, a Roman Carholic shop keeper, who was shor twice in the head at Afroghill, co Antrien, when he answered his door to a man who said he was seeking aspirin for a sick child. Mr. Stratheart was the

facher of seven chikken.

Visits restored: Relatives of the Provisional IRA prisoners on hunger strike in the Irish Republic over conditions at Portlaoise prison were told, yesterday that they could visit them. The Current military them in The Curragh military camp without conditions being

The Irish government said in letters that it now considered the men to be seriously ill after their 44-day protest. Until now visitors had been allowed to see the men only if they undertook to try to persuade them to give The protest began with 20

Fewer vacancies

Service entrants

year, although the number of

applications stayed high, the Civil Service Commission says

At the beginning of the year, for example, vacancies for administrative trainees were

about 15 per cent fewer than in 1975, while there were over

40 per cent more applicants. By the end of the recruitment

competition vacancies had fallen still further, and 69 candidates

who had reached the required

standard could not be offered a

Recruitment of technologists, especially architects and engi-

neers, reflected a continuing

today in its annual report. It says that a big factor was the Government's declared in-tention to cut public spending.

for Civil

By a Staff Reporter

Those cases are in addition to the 14 men subjected to the deprivation techniques and the arther cases where the con farther cases where the commis-sion has already found that an-administrative practice of il-treatment mok place at Palace Barracks, Holywood, in the

and 1974.

action at

torture case

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breaches of the convention

228 cases of alleged bentalit and all treatment between 197

autumn of 1971 Mr Costello maintained that sufficient evidence had been submitted on the additional in cidents to permit the court to find against Britain. That claim was made although the commission in its original report reached no conclusion on the extra cases beyond noting that had been paid to the men in

He said that beyond the 228 extra cases laid, "thousands of other complaints" had been lodged against the police and the Army in Northern Iroland between August 9, 1971, and he had a Nagust 9, 1974, Dieland end of November, 1974. During that period, he said, 261; complaints had been made against the RUC, including

1,105 alleging assault and ill During the three years is question, there had also been 7,441 complaints against the Army in Northern Ireland Damages paid by the Britis Vacancies for entrants to the Government arising from It. to £300,000 by January 31, 1972 Mr Costello argued that the

court should overthrow the sion which had come down favour of the British. Thocovered internment, Unhappily for the Brist delegation, the potential of the

bearing for generating dama-ing international publicity has been increased by the coinc dental session of the Europe: Parliament, which opened be the yesterday.

Inside the crowded prepean journalists covering to sitting, a large notice and m was pinned on the wall invide all correspondents to attend !

to fight low income The Equal Opportunities Com-mission has called for the pro-vision of a nationwide network with full-time work. It also urges that the concept of women's dependency under the social security laws should

of day-care facilities for chaldren of school and pre-

encourage women into a wider range of jobs, including higher work, to make sure they have access to training facilities and to all fringe benefits, particularly occupa-tional pension and sick pay

Dartmoor staff

escalate action

Staff at Dartmoor Prison

who have been refusing to carry our certain supervision

duties during the last two weeks in protest egainst their living conditions, plan to esca-late their industrial action

announced, the 150 prison officers will operate a system

known as "security manning only", which will result in the 500 inmates being locked in their cells for 23 hours a day.

They will be able to leave their cells for 30 minutes of

exercise in the morning and

for a similar period in the

"We do not like the pri-soners to suffer in this way,

especially as many have expressed sympathy with our complaints", Mr David Bowen,

secretary of the Dartmoor branch of the Prison Officers' Association, and last night.

The staff say that their quarters, which nestle in the

shadow of the prison, are cold and damp and in many ways inferior to the conditions enjoyed by the prisoners.

Many have walls running

with condensation and others

are scarred with patches of black mould.

Mr Bowen said: "We have estimated that it would cost about £600,000 to carry out

major repairs and instal cen-

From Clive Borrell

plan to

on the motion for the edjoura-ment, and no vote is expected. Mrs Tharcher and the Shadow Cabinet, while in favour of direct elections, are divided about the method to be used, but they will not take any decisions until the Government has produced its Bill. Parliamentary report, page 8

Nationwide day-care urged

It is one of a range of measures in a report to the Royal Commission on the Dis-tribution of Income and Wealth said to be needed to fight low

income among women.
Other tasks it outlines are to

Union instructs 200 journalists to stop work

From Christopher Thomas Labour Reporter

Didey One of the longest disputes in the history of the National Union of Journalists is to be intensified by a series of oneday strikes and an instruction to 200 journalists to stop work after today.

That was decided vesterday at the union's conference in likley on the eve of a deadline at noon today issued to East Midlands journalists to say whether they wished to return to work. The unros excluded journa-

lists who were reporting the conference yesterday from the debate on the issue The journalists interpreted

emptonshire, but the company ance for continued action. arrange for a planned resumption of work".

The 20-week dispute began over a fringe benefits claim, but now centres on nine people who defected to the rival, non-TUC Institute of Journalists after the strike started. The original dispute has been settled, but the NUJ members are refusing to work alongside the IOJ men.

The management is standing by a peace formula reached after an unprecedented intervention by the TUC printing industries committee. industries committee. Employees "will suffer": Mr Sixty journalists employed at the Northamptonshire Evening Journalists convener at Ketter-

the deadline as a veiled threat
of further action by the management of the East Midlands
Allied Press, Kettering, Norththere is an element of resist-

among other journalists in the group to join a stoppage. Mr Hugh Southon, father of the chapel (office section chairman) at the Peterborough Advertiser, warned delegates to the conference against taking steps that could lead to the break-up of the union within the East Midlands Allied Press.

He said in a statement:

There is now only about 50 per cent support for Kettering over the new issue, and the decision to call an all-out strike

throughout the group would re-sut in mass defections."

sorry that even more NUI ized because of this costly ven-detta by local political scriv-ists." (Our Northampton Cor-respondent writes). "The action by the annual delegates" meeting can only barm the firm and all its employees."

Decision "serious": The News-paper Society said it considered the journalists' decision "seri-ous" (the Press Association ous" (the Press Association writes). The society was considering calling a meeting of its council soon to discuss the A union motion called for

one-day strikes among Newspaper Society publications (the society represents most provincial newspapers in England and Wales), beginning with newspapers where employers are directly represented on the council of the society.

Man on burglary charge

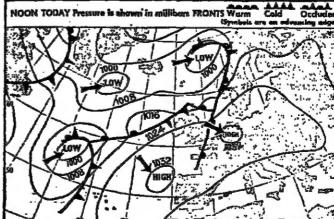
described as a public scandal

ordered a retrial. that although the man had nine

He was due to attend com-minal proceedings later in the

Weather forecast and recordings

and ordered to pay E20 com-pensation after pleading guilty contraction in spending on to damaging Mrs Waters's car. construction and defence.



Sun sets: Sun rises: 10.17 pm

Pressure will remain high to the s as troughs of low pressure cross of districts.

East Anglia, Midlands, N Wales: Cloudy, mostly dry, some bright intervals later; wind SW, light or moderate; max temp 13°C (55°F).

E, Central N, NE, NW England,
Lake District, Isle of Man,
Borders, SW Scotland, Glasgow,
Argyll, N Ireland: Cloudy, rain or
drizzle at times, hill fog patches;
wind SW, moderate or fresh; max
temp 11°C (52°F).

Edinburgh and Dundee, Aberdeen, Central Highlands, Moray Firth, NE, NW Scotland: Bright becoming cloudy with rain; wind, W, light backing 8, moderate or fresh; max temp 10°C (50°F). fresh; max temp 10°C (50°F).

Orkney, Shetland; Sunny intervals, cloudy with rain later; wind W. moderate, backing S, fresh; max temp 8°C (46°F).

Outlook for tomorrow and Friday.

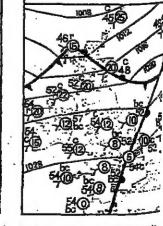
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England. Channel Islands, S
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Outlook for tomorrow and Frience, SW in Some rain but also sunny intervals: S will be mostly dry with sunny spells; it will be rather warm generally, perhaps warm in the S.

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Madeira, Esc. 20.00; Main. 4c; N.
Kr 4.50; Portugal, Esc. 25.50; Sept. 401; Switze

tral heating and double glaz-ing. So far all the Prison Department has offered is £100,000 towards the Cost The stand being taken by Dartmoor staff is gaining support from prison officers in many parts of the country. Those at Horfield prison, Bristol, decided vesterday to refuse to carry out supervision duties in the workshops in a protest over manning levels.

ary, for two nights, and then a slopes of Mt Everest, Anna-night in Moscow. purity or Language on an all-inclusive basis.

Thomson's launch Outer Mongolia tours

After the success of their allyear Thomson Holidays, the largest tour operator, launched Mongolia yesterday,

The West German airline Lufthansa with Sherpa Expeditions has decided to repeat the inclusive Himalayan trekking holidays which it started last

At prices starting at £259 Thomson Holidays undertakes to fly holidaymakers from Luton irport to Ulan Bator, the capital of Mongolia, for three nights. The tour then moves on to Irkutsk, in central Siberia,

pects to fill the 600 seats it has Both companies say that a After the success of men all golian trip. Its confidence is opting for far-flung holiday inclusive trip to Siberia last based on the fact that the 550 destinations. Thomson's carried year Thomson Holidays, the people who paid about £135 a child aged 11 and a pensioner each to go to Siberia last year aged 70 to Siberia last year. a winter excursion to Outer far exceeded the first quota of Occupations ranged from a

A number of the Siberian British ambassador. travellers have already booked themselves to Outer Mongolia. The follow-up trip to Outer Thomson's said yesterday that some of the Siberian holiday-makers and, according to Mr held up one flight for more than four hours last year, are all part of the adventure. The follow-up trip to Outer Mongolia started as a joke by some of the Siberian holiday-makers and, according to Mr Roger Davis, Thomson marketing director, "We took them up on it."

Lufthausa also reports that more customers than it expected are willing to pay upwards from £588 each to spend three weeks trekking partly under canvas, in the Himaleyas. Based Irkutsk, in central Siberia, canvas, in the Hamalayas. Based to see over a lamasery (monas-where the temperature hovers in Kathmandu, package tourists tery of lamas), which is inclu-ground the 4°F mark in Janu- can follow the explorers to the ded in the holiday cost, and

Luton car factory worker to a

On arrival in Ulan Bator

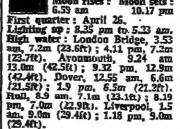
which, according to the bro-chure, "is set in a wide valley, 4,300 feet above sea level", tourists will be given the chance also a visit to a circus. A visit to the British Embassy in Ulan Bator is optional.

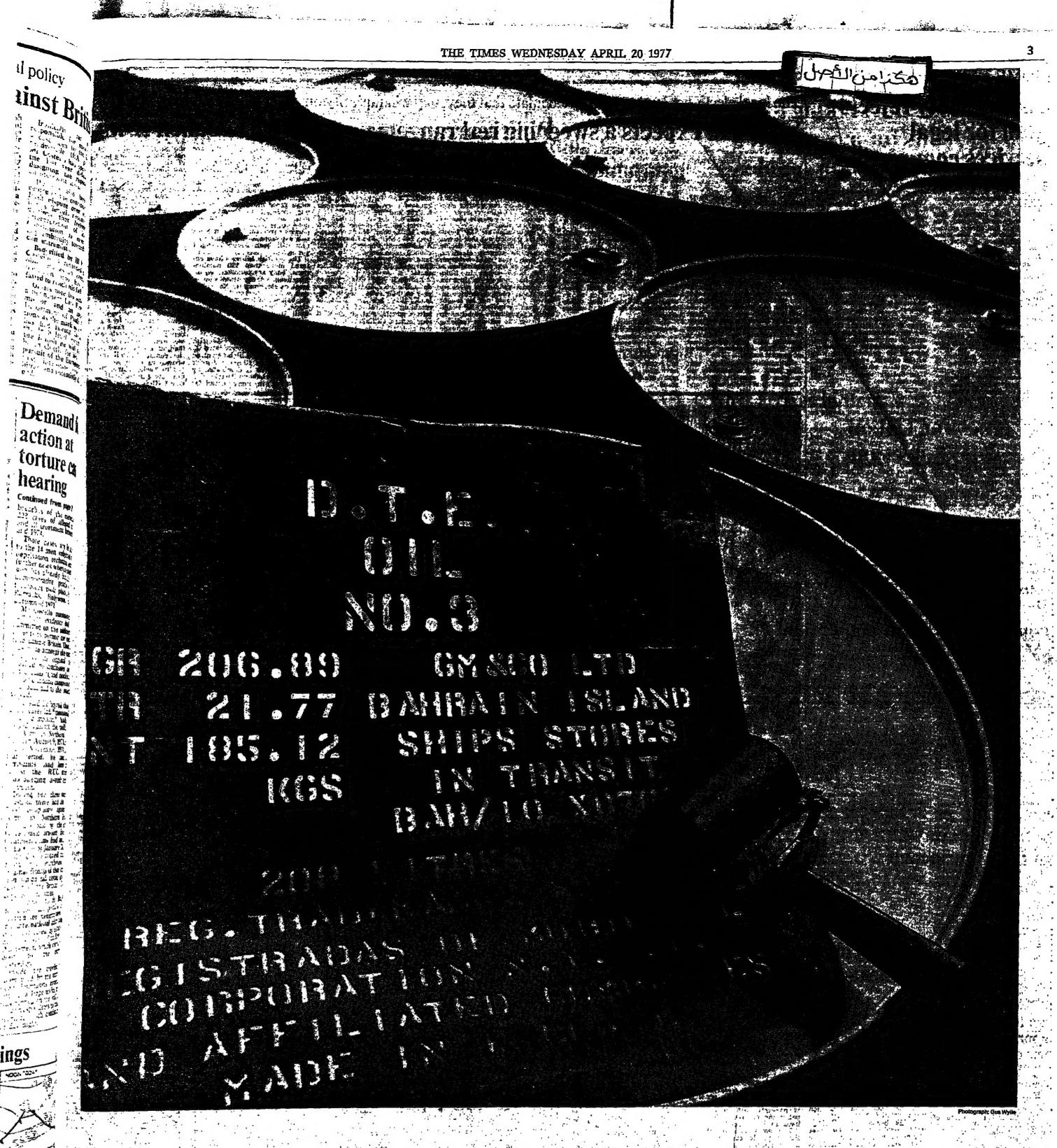
was a juror Judge Joseph Dean yesterday

the fact that a man who was on bail awaiting trial on a burglary charge had been included in a jury to try a case at Canterbury Crown Court. He discharged the jury and

Mr Anthony Webb, for the prosecution, had told the court convictions he was not disquali-fied from jury service because he had not been sentenced to detention or borstel, or served a sentence of at least three months within the last 10 years.

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tion, the party won only 71 of

the 1,110 district sears in Scot-land. It administers three councils (in the new town

areas of Cumbernauld and East Kibride and in Clackmannan). Traditionally the SNP has argued that a small party with relatively few resources should

concentrate on its main plat-form of achieving Scottish inde-pendence by fighting parlia-

Recently, however, the SNP has grown phenomenally at local branch level and over-

taken even the Tories as an organizer of whist drives, coffee mornings and social fund-raising

The possibility of a Scottish

assembly, which the SNP deter-mined to contest, also focused

the party's attention on local

issues. Labour's reply to that

level of attack has so far been to accuse the nationalists of

having so few policies that in

many areas they were afraid to stand.

mentary elections.

efforts.

district council. Both parties were therefore surprised when

the local SNP branch decided

not to contest the district elec-tions and instead reserve its

from the party organization.

The headquarters in Edin-

general election.

Law Society rejects plan for legal services commission

vices that it is opposed to the reviewing the adequacy of legal creation of a legal services comservices. The Law Society

It has been suggested that such a body could not only run the legal aid and advice scheme and law centres, but also moni-tor the provision of legal ser-

In evidence to the royal com-mission the Law Society says: "Such a proposal would lead to the creation of a new and unnecessary bureaucracy, concentrate power where it is best left diffused, and would tend to-wards a rigid centralism at a time when the devolution of choices to locally based bodies is widely desired."

The memorandum of evidence deals mainly with relatively non-controversial issues. Its views on such contentious questions as fusion of the two branches of the legal profession, the solici-tors' conveyancing monopoly, and lawyers' remuneration are expected to appear in a separate report during the summer.

The society proposes that law centres should be encouraged to provide services to deal with what has come to be known as "welfare law".

Concerning the organization of law centres, the society suggests that each of the 14 legal aid area committees should set up a subcommittee that would be primarily responsible for the coordination and provision of legal configuration and provision of head continuous and provision of the coordination and provision and the coordination and the co legal services in its area, and be serviced by one or more liaison

The area legal services committee as it would be known, would consist not only of members of area committees, but also of representatives of citizens' advice bureaux, the social services and other bodies.

Prentice controversy

A Conservative who said he By Michael Bally would vote for Mr Reg Prentice Transport Correspo if he stood as an independent in Newham, North East, and not for the Tory candidate there, has resigned as parliamentary candidate for Dagentam, near by: after a bitter clash with both local parties.

Mr Robald Wotherspoon, aged 28, company manager, has also resigned from the Newham, North East, Conservative party, of which he was vice-chairman, because, he said, he refused to submit to a "Tury version of the kangaroo court", to which Mr Prentice was subjected by his local Labour Party.

In a press statement more than a year ago some officers of Newham North Bast, Conser-ratives said the Tories would not fight Mr Prentice if he stood as an Independent. That was later countermanded and

withdrew their names.

He said he saw the issues represented by Mr Frentice in Newham as of fundamental inportance, but some prominent Dagenham Tories had resigned

over the matter.

"I have therefore resigned as their candidate, indicating as I did so that I could not wish people whom I had grown so fond of to fall out with each

Mr Prentice commented:
"He has been treated very badly by the local Conservatives in Newham and Dagenham. You get booted out if you fail to toe the line. Both main parties are suffering from a wave of intolerance. This is not real democraty."

Scottish pupils approve use of strap

A survey among Scottish secondary school pupils pub-lished today shows that two out of three pupils believe that teachers should be allowed to use the traditional strap as a

The Education Institute of Scotland, Scotland's biggest teaching trade union, which commissioned the survey, wants corporal punishment phased out of Scottish schools.

The survey covered a random sample of 1,049 children in first, third, and fourth-year classes in 40 secondary schools.

Use of the strap was approved by 67 per cent of pupils. They said it was needed for classroom control and as an effective deterrent. However, 52 per cent thought there could be a better system for maintaining discipline in schools.

Detective is asked to resign

Raymond Smith, aged 28, a detective found guilty on Mon-day of forgery, has lost his job despite the hope expressed by Judge Mynett, QC, at Oxford Crown Court that the conviction need not affect his promising

Shortly after being conditionally discharged for the offence, Constable Smith was summoned by Mr Leonard Dolby, the deputy chief constable of Thames Valley and asked to resign as an alternative to dis-

Girls for boys' school

A school for boys, Serey's School, Lusty Hill, Bruton, Somerset, is to take 22 girl pupils in September. They have won grammar school places and other facilities are not available.

The Law Society has told the Royal Commission on Legal Ser-community in the task of services. The Law Society rejects the view that law centres are the only, or in many places the best, way of providing legal services in deprived

on May 3.

The Scottish National Party,

which in the past has been shy of fighting local elections, has doubled its number of caudi-

dates and will be concentrating on the central urban belt. The

Tories are outling up a mar-ginally larger field than usual, and with Labour's current fall in popularity a significant rearrangement of council seats

retain control of 17 of the 53 district councils, admits that

the state of the economy and a number of difficult local issues

will not help the party. Rent

and rate increases in areas with a tradition of cheap housing have added to Labour's troubles, and it is feared that the SNP could gain a harvest,

Nationalists calculate that

they may win a majority on

at least 10 councils, including Glasgow and Edinburgh, and

in Scotland is tikely.

of protest votes.

"The keynotes of the Law Society's proposals are flexibility, local choice and the maximum use of existing resources. The worst solution, in the Law Society's view, would be to conclude that the problem of unmer need can be solved overnight by the pro-vision of a large number of law

The society envisages three types of law centres: the existing neighbourhood law centres, largely independent, with their own management committees; centres set up under the wing of the citizens advice bureaux; and centres established by the Law Society under the Legal Aid Act.

The society says that duty solicitor schemes, of which there are more than 80, have proved successful and should be supported and extended.

The society's evidence shows that between 1961-62 and 1975-76 the number of solicitors with practising certificates rose from 19,790 to 31,250, and the number of students grew from 4,554 in 1963 to 12,985 in 1976. The way the society deals with complaints is fully explained. About 1,700 are found to be justified each year, of abour five to six million carried - out

Other matters dealt with include the compensation fund, which, since its inception 35

Tory quits in Road policy change to

new road schemes to more modest local improvements was foreshedowed yesterday by Mr Rodgers, Secretary of State for

the trans-Pennine and Sheffield, in fayour of less expensive improvements to roads, and said at the opening

questioned more now than a few years ago, he said, but most MPs found that the public were still suxious for road improve-ments. Such improvements ments. Such improvements showed a good economic return. But he added: "It may well be that we shall be looking more to relatively modest schemes like the Wirney bypass than to entirely new through

local plans

A shift in emphasis from big

He has cancelled one key

of the Witney bypass in Oxfordshire that he "would certainly be looking hard at any new motorway proposals ".

He would view more sympa-thetically "schemes which re-lieve congestion through ancient and attractive towns, and re-move noise and smell from hard-pressed communities".

Objectors, some of whom spread out a banner saying "occupation", protesting at yesterday's inquiry. Road inquiry disrupted

by protesters By Michael Horsnell within an hour of the opening of the renewed Archway road development inquiry in north

Mr Ralph Rolph, the inquiry inspector, was forced to adjourn the opening session for 15 minutes after objectors occupied the Archway Central Hall. Com-munity singing broke out and Mr Roiph was constantly inter-rupted before calling in police.

it was.
"Worst of all, we are some-times quoted as making state-ments criticizing individual

climbers. I make a point of speaking about mountain rescues only in neneral terms and giving general advice about

equipment and training. But it is easy to make a sensation of a climbing accident. There is probably little public sym-pathy for climbers when they

The inquiry is the second inso Department of Transport was the film scheme. The first was dedicated to rosits and there abandoned last autumn after fore unable to judge impartially disruption by protesters and the other modes of transport. subsequent illness of the inquiry . He went on to attack what he

inspector.

Mr. John Tyme, the antimotorway campaigner, was among those ejected—for edigediy inciting the occupation of the was later allowed to ment had no control over the return after denying the charge.

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As tempers again flared in gramme, and went on: Of road the afternoon, Mr George Simp course, my clients accept that Mr son, an adderman from Harin Parliament is the only place for the course of the where these issues can be resolved. But, equally, they

thereby accept the need for the most exceptional action in order that Parliament become the mission at the start of the hearsing. Mr Tyme said that the
inspector had no suthority to
hear the inquiry because the

Mr Relph to adjourn the

Mr Rolph, however, agreed to pass on to Mr Rodgers an affidavit presented to him by Mr Tyme, in which he alleges a conspiracy among some mem-bers of the Transport and General Workers' Union to black firms attempting to trans-

Mr Michael Floward, counsel for the Department of Trans-port, told the inquiry that if Mr Rodger's department was not acting impartially in con-sidering different forms of transportation, the proper body

the SNP since its attempts in the cities and burgs in the late 1960s. But the party will still have fewer candidates than Labrur and the Tories.

resources for a possible autumn A spokesman at SNP headquarters pointed out that it was for local branches to decide council representation in Scot-land remains non-political and The Scottish Liberals have en-Independents hold 344 district tered more than 130 nominawhether to contest elections. and there was no instruction

Although the Conservatives burgh has helped to instruct prospective candidates precisely what local council politics indo not expect such a bumper volve. It would not be caught out again by having SNP canditrict councils, and on at least until 1974. Elsewhere Liberals four others (Edinburgh, Bearsden and Milngavie, Angus, Stirling) of improving on their position as the largest single

The breakaway Scottish dates unexpectedly voted on to local councils without realizing the demands that will be made Areas where the SNP hopes to win at least the balance of

power are Glasgow, Edinburgh, Hamilton, Falkirk, Stirling, Cunningham, Renfrew and West Lothian. The biggest effort will be made in Glasgow, and the nauld, where the party has not

The present distribution of local government structure has SNP campaign in 41 of district council power in Scot not been popular and most land is: Labour, 416; Conserve parties agree that when a Scottive, 241; SNP, 71; Liberals, 18. rish assembly is set up the sys-A substantial proportion of local tem will have to be changed

tions. They are concentrated on Aberdeen, where they won a local by-election last November year as their colleagues in England, they are confident of the balance of power, and Invertives (19) and Independent of retaining control of five district councils, and on at least until 1974. Elsewhere laberals ing the narrow majority

A strong effort will be made candidates and will be fighting ories are contestionable. Tories are contesting the 15 council, which is dominat council seats, and in Cumber the official Labour Party. Looking in more detail at

rates and spending in urban Scotland. Although the district councils have not faced the same force of criticism as the new regions, the reorganized rish assembly is set up the sys-

three seats on Glasgow district council, which is dominated by

Scotland expects a sweeping rearrangement of district council seats

By Roneld Faux

Sounds of the larger struggle shaking Scottish politics will be heard in the campaign for the district council election, after local government reorganism m May 3.

One such case was Dundee, party is to fight 41 of the 64 previously fought in now holds only one seat.

At the last election, after local government reorganism m May 3. 33 and Liberals 17. In burgh, where the Conservare two seats away from overall majority, 192 candi are contesting 64 seats. promises to upset that

In Aberdeen, at Labour-dominated, the par contesting all 48 seats, but be under pressure from 32 and 14 Liberal candidates. The most intriguing will be in Dundee. Labour half the 44 district council ing the narrow majority been reduced by a struggle within the local between left - wingers moderates which led to leading Labour councillors

The Tories count Dunde a prime target particularly the SNP is not fighting th

Ashfield by-election

Candidates: M. Cowan (Lab), H. Flint (L), Mrs J. Hall (Soc Workers Party), G. Herrod (Nat Front), T. Smith (C).

From David Leigh Sutton in Ashfield

In good times such a by-

Bright, impatient of fools and proud of his financial skills, he got into some rankerous scenes on the council. He also produced one of the country's lowest rate rises lust year, he says, of 34 per cent and, over Tory protests about illegality, once bought 10 per cent of the tour firm, Horizon Midiand, with the council's money. The £70,000 investment now shows a

big profit. When the small towns of the Nottinghamshire coalfield comprising Ashfield constituency fell vacant, the NUM did not have as many delegates affilimight have been entitled to. The miners vote was split between an NUM nominee and an independent miner and councillor. Mr Cowan also performed impressivly at the selection conference, according to

The Government is concentrating its troops at Grimsby, and Ashfield's 23,000 majority ought to be untroubled. The

Disappointed voters

vent their feelings

election as this oughr simply to demonstrate how to become a Labour MP. The ritual initiation ceremony or cam-paign is organized by Transport House and ends with the formal counting over of a large pile of loyal votes. The real question comes earlier; What sort of aspirants is the Labour Party producing and how did he get selected?

get selected?

Mr Michael Cowan is the candidate. He is an intense, single-minded professional Nottingham politician aged 42, who left school at 15. He went to Hull University and Oxford and gave up polytechnic lecturing to become full-time charman of the county council finance committee.

unemployment is relative mile. The politics of the moderate and reflected in the relatively pleasant and magaricularly isolated towns. Surpon, Kirby and Hucknall. Underneath, there should be deep seams of Labour emotion. There are still enough slight to take aback Mr Tim Smith the Conservative, aged 29.

the Conservative, aged 29. London political hopeful am company secretary. He plans me more visits to pits or canteen after discovering miners in groups tend to shout "Winstom Churchill" at him or "niger-eat grass", which Churchill i-alleged to have once proposed.

Nevertheless, something is going badly wrong for Labour.
All the candidates claim or concede that many life-long Labour voters do not want to turn out. They seem sour and disappointed. It shows itself in doorston outbursts about "scroungers" and income tax; in the local miles recent call for £135 s

waek; and in constant complaints about rising prices.

Mr Smith tells voters the "social wage" should be cut instead of their living standards. Apart from that appeal to individualism, no doubt to be buttressed by Mrs Thatcher when she arrives on Saturday, he is quite liberal. He says benefits should not be cut; instead to: thresholds should, so that it would be more profitable to

Mr Cowan produces complex arguments showing how Labour economic problems are caused by previous Tory fiscal conduct. Hampton Flint Liberal tells everyone the oppo-sion are carpetbaggers and he

is truly local.
The National Front are running Mr George Herrod, a driving instructor. Immigration is not an issue.

not an issue.

Polling Day April 28: October.

1974, result: D. I. Marquadd
(Lab), 35,367; R. N. Kemm (C).

12,452; H. C. Flint (L), 7,839. Lab maj, 22,915.

Call to expose

evil' of

By Peter Evans

Reports on mountaineering accidents 'often distorted' leading Scottish mountaineer, said: "There is no doubt that by the time the report appears in certain papers the slope has grown steeper and the incident far more horrific than in fact it was

From a Staff Reporter Edinburgh

Climbing accidents in the Scottish hills were too often reported in a sensational and distorted way, the Mountain Rescue Committee of Scotland said yesterday. Far from being the said mountaineer. dangerous, it said, mountaineer-ing was one of the safest out-door sports.

Over the past decade the number of fatal accidents on Scottish mountains had doubled to about 12 a year, but the number of people using the hills for recreation had risen to a far higher extent.

A member of the committee said statistics showed that motoring was 20 times more dangerous, yet road accidents lines in newspaper reports.

Mr Hamish MacIones, secretary of the committee and a map and compass the small accident to the committee and a compass the small accident to the committee and a compass the small accident to the committee and a compass the small accident to the committee and a compass the small accident to the committee and a compass the small accident to the committee and a compass the small accident to the committee and a compass the small accident to the committee and a compass the small accident to the committee and a compass the small accident to the committee and a compass the small accident to the committee and a compass the small accident to the committee and the committee said it thought that if people learnt to use ice axes properly, dressed correctly and compass the small accident to the committee and the committee said it thought that if people learnt to use ice axes properly, dressed correctly and compass the small accident to the committee and the committee said it thought that if people learnt to use ice axes properly, dressed correctly and compass the small accident to the committee and the committ

to over-35s

Danger warning three new taking the Pill

. Women over 35 taking the contraceptive pill were warned by a coroner yesterday after the death of a woman aged 35 that they should seriously consider changing their contraceptive.

A pathologist told a Birmingham inquest into the death of Mrs Annie Monney, of Kings Norton, Eirmingham, who had been on the pill for 13 years. that research had shown that women between 35 and 44 on the pill were eight times more likely to have a heart attack than women of 20 to 34. Dr Richard Whittington, the

coroner, who recorded a verdict of death by misadventure, said: "I feel the dangers of taking contraceptive pills after the age of 35 should be widely known." Dr Isla Craig, the pathologist, said Mrs Monney died of a heart attack associated with taking the pill. Until recently it was thought that women who took the pill had a risk of thrombosis in the leg but it was now considered that women in the 35 to 45 age group had the

Britain to get Datsun models

Datsun, the most successful Japanese car firm in the British market for the past three years, today introduces a hatchback estate car and two rersions of a new two-door Cherry salcon. The Cherry F-11 hacomes a complete range of five cars, with a more roomy body-

The 100A F-11 two-door model, with vinyl trim and crossply tyres, is £1,960, including all taxes; the same model with cloth trim and radial tyres is £1.999. The three-door is £1.999. The three-door batchback is £2.175.

The Beta Monte-Carlo, an 118 mph mid-engined sports car from the Italian company Lancic and costing 55,927 goes on sale in Britain today.

Actor seeks damages Mr Donald Pleasance, the actor, is seeking damages against Kelso Film Productions Ltd for alleged breach of contract in connexion with the overseas advertising of the film, The Eagle Has Landed, in added tisk of any type of throm which he plays Himmler, the bosis, including a heart attack. Nazi SS chief.

Accused 'sought information for race group

Counsel for one of the defendants in the Anglo American Corporation case at the Central Criminal Court yesterday told Judge McKinnon, QC, that his client took part in the activities only to try to get information for an anti-apartheid group in Britain.

Mr. John Morrimer, QC, for Mr John Mornmer, QC, for the defence of Kenneth Wyatt, aged 51, an accountant, one of three men and two women who deny blackmail and other charges, said his client's defence would be on those lines. Mr Wyatt had been approached by people belonging to unti-apartheid groups in England and Spain anxious to get information on the con-nexion between Anglo Ameri-can and the South African government, he said.

Information was sought on the position of coloured people in the organization and activities of the South African secret service directed at the Liberal Party in England, and other matters.

To do that Mr Wyart appeared to cooperate with a Lebanese named Found (Flashy Fred) Kamil, the man allegedly behind the plot to hlackmail the Oppenheimer family for 11m, money allegedly owed to Mr Kamil for past

undercover work . Mr Mortimer said that Mr Wyatt's intentions during the activities he admited taking part in were in no way meant to injure people, but to dis-cover the information he had referred to.

Mr Mortimer was questioning

one of the former directors, Mr Frederick Berning, Mr Berning was asked if he knew that Mr Kamil had bready been paid \$500,000 by the corporation for his past services, but he said he knew noticing of that payment or a £30,000 payment to Mr Kamil in Cyprus by a Colonel Van Zeel, group security officer Charged with Mr Wyatt are

Jacqueline Holborough, Anita Sasin, John Malcolm and Graham Stanford. All have pleaded not guilty to conspiring to demand money with menances and not guilty to conspiracy to assault.

Ombudsman backs pop festival decision

By a Staff Reporter

A series of complaints that the Government behaved wrongly in granting permission for the free pop festival at the village of Watchfield, Oxfordsbire, have been firmly rejected by Sir Idwal Pugh, the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration (Ombudsman).

A group of Conservative MPs, led by Mr Airey Neave, MP for Abingdon, in whose constituency the festival took place, had raised the matter with the Ombudsman. But in his quarterly report, published yesterday, Sir Idwal concluded that the Home Office had done the home is rould in a difficult the best it could in a difficult attuation. However, his report showed that he had succeeded in obtaining compensation of 590 for a farmer whose property was damaged during the festival.

The Watchfield Free Fesival took place in August, 1975, after permission was refused for another People's Free

Homes for aged preferable to family strain'

By Our Health Services Correspondent

Care of the aged at home is preferable to institutional care hut there are fewer young reople to look after today's 75car-olds, the National Corpora tion for the Care of Old People in its annual report, published today.

to putting more families under intolerable strain in caring for aged relutives. It was often glibly stated that today's families were not prepared to care for their older people. However, it was soldom recognized that many were so

committed to doing so that they

broke up their families,

Better community care of the elderly was therefore preferable

The corporation believes that zbrawat yan bluow olqooq teem better community care for the old and suggests that no one would object to another 2p in the pound on income tax provided effective caring teams were built up to take intolerable | close the company." strains off relatives.

Festival to be held in Windsor it was inherent in the decision Great Park, where there bad been serious disorder in 1974. to offer the site that such ba-haviour could take place.

Sir Idwal said there had been sultation with the villagers about the late announcement about the late announcement of the site, which gave inade-quate time for preparation, and about the noise, nudity, drug-taking and sexual activities. After investigating, he said the festival organizers had made it clear they were deter-

mined to hold another festival in 1975 and, having considered all the risks of taking no action at all, he did not criticize the Home Office decision to offer the disused airfield at Watch-The preparation for the event had been a difficult evercise

corried through in a way which can only be described as praiseworthy". Sir Idual thought the offensive conduct by the festival-goers would have been likely to occur wherever the festival was held, and thus

From Arthur Osman

to close down their plant if they

held their annual outing at a

theatre-restaurant in Birming-ham that is being picketed by the Transport and General

Workers' Union. It was said

that tanker drivers would have refused to deliver fuel supplies

After a meeting between the management of Rateliffs (Great

of the 800 union and non-union

workers at its nictal processing

factory at Topion, West Mid-

lands, it was decided to post-pane the visit to the Night Out in Birmingham, which is owned

Two thirds of the establish-

ment had been banked for the

outing on May 21, but Mr Alan

Law, regional trade group secre-

rary of the transport union, said: "If this firm continues

with this nuting we will black fuel supplies to the factory and

by Trust Houses Furte.

to the factory if they did not.

closure threat by union

Birmingham
Workers at a Midlands factory yesterday bowed to a threat through trying to recruit mem-

In another case, concerning the taxes of a former company director, the Ombudsman suggests that the loss of five letters by the Inland Revenue was "not accidental". The unexplained absence of

the letters from the files was disturbing, he said. The Inland Revenue had carried out an internal investigation but had been unable to obtain proof that the letters had been de-liberately miskaid. A repay-ment of £32.74 had now been made to the man.

A total of 60 cases were dealt with by the Ombudsman. A third of them concerned the Department of Health and Social Security, which was criticized for incompetence and inefficiency over several cases. Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration, Third Report for Session 1976-77 (House of Com-mons Paper 22), Stationery Office, (2.85)

hers to the union. Trust Houses.

Forte said that she was dis-missed for being rude to custo-

mers. Mr Norman Anderson, per-

somel officer of Ratcliffs, said:

"They have decided to cancel because they value their jobs more than a social outing.

Inwardly the shop floor is upset

at risk, and those in the motor industry for whom-we make

Midlands a potent force, said:

passpane the trip.

Workers defer outing after ment was even hisher among

young blacks than among young people as a whole-Attacking the Front's slogar. "Start renatriation", he added that at least two out of five of the coloured population were born in Britain.

management of Ratelisis (Great about it, but in view of the Bridgel Ltd and representatives possibility of patting their jobs council post redictor pares, they opted to Mr Law, whose abrusive racties over a decade have made the transpart drivers of the

> The Labour-controlled group maintains that a chief execu-Mr Clive Presson, general tive is no longer necessary and lanager of the Night Out, said: a salery of about 117.6.0 a year Mr Law threatened to close can be saved. The Conversamanager of the Night Out, said:
> "Mr Law threatened to close

National Front Home Affairs Correspondent Political leaders should expose the National Front for the evil influence it is, Mr David Lane, chairman-designate of the

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Commission for Racial Equality. said yesterday in Hackney. London. "Behind the Front's façade of neo-respectability is a hard core of neo-Nazis, whose

real flag is racialism and whose gospel is from Goebbels.
"I find particularly nausesting the Front's use of out national flag, the Union Jack,

our j

for a philosophy which is alien to the whole British tradition of fairness and decency. "As Hitler made the Jews the scapegoms for Germany's problems, so the Front now points to the coloured population of this country. On the contrary, black and brown people are not the cause of Britain's current difficulties but the principal sufferers from them." Mr Lane said that unemploy-

Most of the dependants intending to come had already arrived. "The postwar phase of large-scale Commonwealth

immigration is very near its Proposal to end

Hamberside County Council's policy committee is recommend ing that when his Raydon Giet. the council's chief execution, retires in August his past is not filled, Instand, an executive management of senior councillots and directors of

It is our job to do everything departments is proposed. we can to help the pickets legally." the Night Out dispute, which two months."

us down within three days and tives, who expect to take conclude the council next month, two months."

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Personal Property of the Control of

A national water grid rejected in report on last year's drought

The two main ways of coping with droughts are the flexible deployment of resources and their augmentation from new sources, the report, which was requested by Mr Howell last November, says. The recently established regional water authorities are well organized for that task, it concludes.

Before the drought most water authorities were already taking measures to make the best use of their resources, and many have since modified their contingency plans in the light of their experiences last year.

One crucial question now is whether more detailed contingency plans should be accounted. gency plans should be prepared for the future.

for the future.

The council is satisfied that "because the handling of the drought has been shown to require a flexible and adaptable response to a gradually emerging situation, the preparation of contingency plans in great detail remote from any particular eventuality and the keeping of them up-to-date, would be both costly and ineffective".

Given sufficient time, money

Given sufficient time, money and the necessary authority for new works, it would be posconsider increasing its supply capacity so as to provide higher standards of reliability and make water restrictions less likely in future, the council

But it says there is no obvious argument for so doing un a national scale. The drought was a severe test and a highly heavily for margins of security beyond those demonstrated in 1976 would not make economic

Some measures will be re-

By Diana Geddes

The creation of a "national grid" water transfer system, moored in the wake of last year's drought by Mr Howell, Minister with special responsibility for water, is rejected in a report on the drought by the National Water Council, published today. Future droughts should be tackled in a "fiexible" way as they develop, the report suggests.

The two main ways of copins

apparent slowness with which water authorities responded to the drought last year, the council says that "delicate judgments" were involved in the timing of appeal for voluntary

savings of water.
If water authorities are to respond more quickly to dry periods, the public will bave to put up with false alarms and make savings which might later prove unnecessary. Water prove unnecessary. Water authorities were reluctant to cry wolf". Judgment of any situation must be allowed to rest with them, the council

An examination of last year's drought measures shows that the most effective and least painful method of water saving was that made voluntarily by many households and com-panies, the report says.

Nevertheless, there might still be occasions, not only during droughts, when actual re-strictions, such as rota-cuts or The choice of rationing method would be influenced by physical and technical factors in particular areas, such as the layout of distribution mains tamination. There could be no absolute rule governing that "difficult choice", the council

furthermore, while rota-cuts (when water supplies are cut off for a certain number of hours a day) might appear to be a less painful alternative than standpipes (involving total cut-off of domestic supplies), in extreme circumstances standpipes might be the only effec-tive method of rationing. The 1975-76 Drought (National Water Council, 1 Queen Anne's Cate, London, SW1; £1.20).

charged one of the "hospitalat home nurses, as they are called, will check that an adequate level of care could be

provided in the patient's home.

Four hospitals, St Bartholomew's and St William's at Rochester, All Saints. Chatham, and Medway, Gillingham, have been selected for the scheme.

appointed nurses will visit to

period agreed between doctors and nurses. Clinical respon-

sibility will rest with the family doctor but most of the extra care will be nursing.

It is hoped that the scheme will educate patients and relatives in simple techniques of self-help health care. It has

been adapted from similar ser-

vices common in France.

By John Roper Health Services Correspondent

A new system of cure bused on early discharge of patients from hospital after an opera-tion followed by specialized nursing in their own homes is

to begin shortly in the Medway health district of Kent. The benefits and drawbacks

ervice will be recorded and the patients' progress compared

with that of patients receiving similar treatment and care in

Dr Lindsay Elliott, who is shortly to take up the post of specialist in community medi-cine in the district, said yester-day that care and treatment

under the scheme would be at the request of the consultant and only with the agreement of the patient, his family and

Before a patient was dis-

general practitioner.

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National From

'Hospital-at-home' system

will be studied over the next two years and if the results fairly straightforward operations of hospital care could begin for appendicitis, hernia or varicose

to be studied in Kent

WEST-EUROPE.

See-saw results in local elections provide uncertain guide to changes in Italy's political mood

held at the weekend provide some clues to the trend of Italian public opinion since the general election last June when the Communist Party made a substantial advance at the expeuse of the ruling Christian Democrats.

In 20 smaller towns, mostly in the south, the Communists appear to bave lost the extra votes they gained in the general election. The Christian Demo-crars, on the other band, made moderate gains.

But the position was reversed in the Po delta to the north, where the Rovigo provincial

Mauritius stamp

Hamburg, April 19.—Mr Franz Berlingin, a Belgian stamp colector, sold one of the

world's rarest postage stamps here today to give his daughter a DM 330,000 (£82,500) wed-

ding present. The stamp was a

penny orange Maurikius.

A Puris stamp dealer, acting on behalf of an unidentified European collector, was the buyer. Other rarities being auctioned here in the next few days include the first persuada.

days include the first postage

issues by the Ottoman empire and a letter posted by a Damascus grain-seller in

over £80,000

fetches

council was up for reelection. by governdment bodies.

The Communists made slight But his proposal, magains and the Christian Demoing a debate in Ro crats lost ground.

The elections involved nearly

400,000 voters, less than 1 per cent of the total electorate. Christian Democrat spokeschristian Democrat spokesmen expressed satisfaction at the results. But the limited scope of the elections, the prevalence of local issues and the unevenness of the results make them an uncertain guide to the nation's present political mood. Signor Andreotti, the Italian Prime Minister, yesterday pro-posed that workers should join, on an experimental basis, in the management of ailing firms now being reorganized

But his proposal, made dur-ing a debate in Rome on economic recovery and worker

participation, was received without enthusiasm by Signor Luciano Lama, communist leader of the biggest trade union federatiou.

His union, the CGIL, was willing to accept some form of worker control on management but relations between meent, but relations between the two sides should always have some conflictual element.
Signer Andreotti recelled that the Italian constitution, drawn up after the Second World War, provided specifically for worker participation in management.

Spain's centre parties seek pact to fight election

From Our Correspondens Madrid, April 19

With the closing date for Democratic Federation met here today to try to reach an elec-toral agreement.

The two alliances-the Democratic Centre comprises liberals, social democrats and conserva-tives—command the middle ground in Spanish politics, and an electoral part between them would pose a strong challenge to the neo-Françoist Popular

The newspaper El Pais re-ported today that Senor Suarcz will probably make a relevision general election nominations address this neck before leaving only 18 days away, the Demo- for an official visit to the cratic Centre and the Christian United States and Mexico.

Political parties must present their electoral lists by May 8. The Spanish Communist Party and the Spanish Workers Social-ist Party (PSOE) of Señor Felipe Conzález have already published their lists. Senor Gonzalez will head his

party's candidates for Madrid. Senor Sanciago Carrillo, the Communist Party leader, will sito head his party's list

Fear of return to unstable coalitions in France

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Gaullists suspect Government of plans to change electoral law

From Charles Hargrove Paris, April 19 The Government continues to

be suspect in Gaullist eyes, not altrogether groundlessly, of toying with the possibility of changing the voting system before the next parliamentary elections. The aim would be to check what seems to be an irresistible trend in favour of the left, and to give a chance to the centre parties which have been virtually eliminated by the present majority vote, as demonstrated any changing of the regard any changing of the crucial elections as a trick that would boomerang against its initiators.

Today, M Yves Guena, the political delegate and number two of the Gaullist Russemblement, repeated categorically that success of the Government majority at the nolls was not

tions last month.

Eur proportional representation is anathema to the Gaullists. In their view it would mean a return to the unstable coalitions of the Fourth Republic. They also regard it as another attempt to undermine their dominant position in the Government majority by building up a rival Glegardian

Paris, April 19
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present majority vote, as demon-strated in the municipal elec-tions last month.

But proportional represen-hasty change in the electoral majority at the polis was not to be secured "by means of subterfuges" like a belated and hasty change in the electoral law.

The Government majority as a clectoral reform.

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might still win the elections next year, he said, but it must utterly reject the illusion that the situation could be retrieved after the left had got in. "We know the Communist technique building up a rival Giscardian for seizing power. The recourse itself into group of the Independent would be costly. Besides, one hesitation.

Republicans and the Centre.

M Jacques Chirac, the prepares in advance the terms Gaullist leader, has recently decord a compromise in the event of defeat.

The Gaullist Rassemblement The Gaullist Rassemblement

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in the possibility that the voters, after putting the Oppostrion in power, might revise their judgment. The Govern-ment majority could win only if it was determined to throw itself into the battle without

King arrives in Bonn with high hopes

From Dan van der Vat

Bonn, April 19 The state visit to West Germany of King Juan Carlos of Spain, which began in Boun today, bas a much higher political content than most occasions of its kind here in recent years. This is not only because the king rules as well as reigns but also because Bonn is anxious to encourage the delicate but surprisingly rapid and commureturn to democracy in

was received by President support they can muster for Scheel with the usual pomp, but the move to democracy, spent the afternoon with Herr The King's crowded pro-

for Spanish membership of the man economy before touring the European Community, some scientific research centre here, thing which the royal party and will later visit industrial hopes will be furthered by this centres and factories.

The King, accompanied by five-day stay. The West Ger-Queen Sofia and Senor Marco-lino Oreja, his Foreign Minister, mined to provide all the moral spent the afternoon with Herr Genscher, the Foreign Minister, who emphasized the "great Spanish hopes of more solid support from Bonn. He is havist.

He promised Bonn's support from Bonn. He is having breakfast tomorrow with leading figures in the West German economy before rouring the

Are you worth as much to your family as you are to your company?

Drive to raise quality of greengrocery

By Hugh Clayton Greengrocers opened a campaign yesterday to banish shrivelled produce and ambigu-ous labels from 7,500 shops Northampton and Mr Tommy Matkin, national secretary of the Retail Fruit Trade Federation, said: "We want to improve the image of the fruiterer and green-

Shops where fresh fruit and vegetables comprise at least eight tembs of the stock will be inspected by 50 housewives The federation will use their reports to judge whether each shop should be given a "quality standard certificate". So far 3,000 certificates have been issued to shops, with clean and well presented produce. Four certificates in two in

certificates, including two in Yorkshire, are being reviewed for possible cancellation.

The inspection is based mainly on EEC regulations", Mr Matkin said in London. "They say that you must put the quality class, the country of origin and the variety on the label. The public is becoming

more variety-conscious."

The campaign has been blessed by Mr Fraser, Minister of State for Prices and Consumer Protection, who said in a statement: "Quality is as important as price. This scheme will indicate to the shopper where there is a shop with high uality goods." Mr Matkin said that when

the campaign was over about half of the 21,000 greengrocers in Britain would have been

Homes chief gets leave to seek

writ against JPs

By a Staff Reporter

Lord Widgery, the Lord Chief Justice, granted leave in the High Court yesterday for the head of a cur-price conveyancing firm to apply for a writ of certiorari against the magistrates of Bradford-on-Avon,

Mr John Watson, chairman of the Homes Organization, is seeking to quash an order against him for costs of £2,084 for a two-day hearing before the Bradford-on-Avon magistrates. He had taken to court a solicitor's clerk, maintaining that the clerk had acted illegally in carrying out a convey ance while being an unqualified person, but the case was dis

Mr Watson complained later that he was expected to pay all the costs incurred when the on behalf of the clerk and instructed their own solicitors, a QC and junior counsel. H to pay the Law Society's costs had matters turned out differ

ently in court. He said yesterday that he would now issue notices to the magistrates that leave to apply for the writ had been granted.

Forester killed by tree Mr Leslie Button, a Forestry Commission worker, of S Michael's Crescent, Great Cres singham, Norfolk, was killed yesterday when a tree he was helping to cut down fell and crushed him.

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Money comes to life at the sign of the Black Horse

Fewer urban police cadets

dations of our future police entirely stopped recruitment of

of police cadets in metropolitan police forces, strength. Recruitment of police officers up to ment o

"Police cadets are the foun-tions of our future police Mr Brown added that the forces", he says. "Yet police Home Office might attack vanby enabling police authorities serving the metro-dalism by enabling polices politan counties have almost authorities to put more officers on the beat where they are

British MPs suggest **Strasbourg boycott**

From John Winder Strasbourg, April 19 Two British MPs have suggested a boycott of Strasbourg as the venue for the next two sessions of the European Par-liament because of the inadequate facilities, particularly for eating, in the new building where the Parliament is meet-

After a kinch break on the first full day of the week's sitting, in which MPs and staff queued for more than an inter-in some cases without then getting a meal, Mrs Elaine Kellett-Bowman, Conservative MP for Lancaster, raised the matter at the start of the after-

noon session.

She said: "We should meet at Lurembourg unless we can have an assurance that this building will be adequately prepared. Transport and other facilities here are abysmal, as are all the facilities in this building.

Hamilton (Labour member for Fife; Central) asked Sir Geoffrey de Freitas, the presiding Vice-President, to make the

strongest possible protest about the "disgracefully inadequate dining facilities", and to sug-gest a boycott of the building until they were improved. Sir Geoffrey said he would see that proper representations were made to the Council of Europe. Parliament were guests

in the building.

Mr Hamilton said: "If we. are guests, we should be fed Lord Bruce of Donington

(Labour) had raised the matter before lunch when he com-plained about the length of the parliamentary day, beginning at 8.30 am. He said: "If we are to have

any MPs left in good health and properly fed, we should arrange our business with a little more consideration for those involved, and arrange proper meal facilities in this building." Mr Hamilton said afterwards,

"If army personnel moved into barracks with food like this, there would be a bloody riot it is disgraceful and not fit for

Kidnap case detective leaves for Italy

the sudden departure for Italy Signor vesterday of a criminal investigations department inspector.

The police said today the in-spector was on a "routine mis-sion" to assist Italian police in raking statements, especially from Signor Giovanni Agnelli, the Fiat company's chairman. Signor Agnelli has announced his belief that the kidnapping of Signor Revelli-Besumont by four men outside his Paris resi-

April 19.—French guerrilla movement, the Tupa-Paris, April 19.—French police were today reported to be following up fresh leads into be following up fresh leads into Both the police and the Flat-last week's kidnapping of the France company strongly denied that there had been any contact between the kidnappers and Signor Revelli-Beaumont's

In spite of the official denials, observers here believed the inspector rushed to Italy may have been carrying confidential information gathered in by the French police.
The police here could have

thought it necessary to transmit this information as urgently as possible to help the Italian police to follow up any Italian connexion in the kidnapping. dence last Wednesday was the connexion in the kidne work of the Uruguayan urban Agence France Presse.

Britain leads in two series in EEC bridge From a Bridge Correspondent

teams championship, the main event, in the Common Market Bridge Championships, Great Britain leads in the open and ladles series. In the second-round matches Great Britain beat Ireland the open team winning twice, the open team winning 20—0 and the ladies 14—6. The session was a poor one for the other two British teams, however, since the mixed team; lost 15—5 to Belgium B.
Open Series: 1. Grout British 50; 2., 1845, 48; 5. Brance, 38; 4. Nether-

European MPs defer choice of Kirk successor

From Our Own Correspondent Strasbourg, April 19 The European Conservative The European Conservative group met today to consider the position following the death of Sir Pener Rink, their leader in the European Perlament. Only British MPs extended because the single Danish member of the group is not attending this week's session.

It was agreed that no immediate decision would be taken but that conservative would rake place in the next two or three weeks with the British and Danish Conservative parties and the Danish Conservative parties

and the Danish Centre Demo-cretic Party.

Until a new chairman is elected, Mr James Scott-Hopkin-son (West Denbystare) or Lord Resy, the tile-president of the group, will act in that capacity.

Comecon seeking closer trade ties with EEC

From David Cross Brussels, April 19
East European nations are still appearently anxious to establish closer trading relations with the European Community in spite of the latter's cool response to Comecon aspirations for a formal wideranging commercial agreement.

A new Comecon message delivered to the British Government, as acting presi-dent of the EEC's Council of Ministers, suggests that a high-level meeting of both sides should be held in the near future. The message was deliv-ered to the Braish Ambassador in Warsaw yesterday by Mr Kazimierz Olszewski, the Polish acting president of Comecun's executive committee. According to EEC officials,

the message expresses the hope that the two sides will be able to work out "mutually advantageous" cooperation agreements. But it expresses some surprise that the Community appears to favour a limited trade pact covering such matters as transport and

the environment.

The normalization of traderelations between Comecon and the EEC has traditionally

alliance and in spite of something of a thaw in relations since 1973, East European member states have still not officially recognized it.

The Community, too, has moved cauciously in its contacts with Comecon, which it regards as a Soviet-dominated organization with little real economic close. In particular the Nine have wanted to avoid any move which might hamper the freedom of manoeuvre which some Comecon members, such as Romania and Poland, have in their trade relations with EEC member states.

This was why last November the Nine responded with offer to conclude an ambitious trade agreement. The Community's reply indicated that institutionalized links between the two organizations would have to be kept to a bare minimum, to cover each areas as the exchange of statistical in-formation on trade and econo-

The latest Comecon message The latest Comecon message is expected to be scrutinized by permanent representatives of the Nine in Brussels for consideration by EEC foreign ministers at one of their regular monthly sessions. The Nine will doubtless want to investigate the strength of the control of the co been one of the most difficult ministers at one of their reg-and delicate aspects of the Community's foreign policy. Nine will doubtless want to in-For years, Comecon regarded the Community as the econo-tine Community as the econo-mic arm of the Atlantic high-level meeting.

Former French envoy to Vatican found hanged

From Our Own Correspondent which he had brought upon

former French Ambassador to the Varican, who shot his wife at his Paris flat, he went to and two children on February 1, was reported to have combelow, where his daughter had

tollets of the ward where he A gifted but highly strong had been detained since the and unconventional ambassahad been defaulted since the dor, his appointment to the the charges for murder against Vancan in May, 1974, had the charges for murder against him had been dropped. Three psychiatrists commissioned by the investigating magistrate had declared him insane.

on by what he regarded as the insult and the injustice of his recall from Rome before the sharply negative reaction to expiration of his mission, and the voting on the French Govins failure to obtain the kind of posting to which he felt to the straight of the contribution.

entitled.

He had told the police that he wished to spare his family end of his normal three-year the dishonour of the situation term.

Paris, April 19
them. After shooting his wife
M Gerard Amanrich, the and son with a pistol when 1, was reported to have committed suicide today at the aroom, and shot her. He had, be declared, meant to commit suicide afterwards but had run out of ammunition.

caused some surprise. In Rome, he disconcerted some members of the Papal Curia by Ar the time of the shooting lit was also reported that M Amanrich was suffering President Giscard d'Estaing from acute depression brought was disagreeable on by what he recommend that was disagreeably surprised, when he called on the Pope two

Mr Jenkins backs US stand against

OVERSEAS.

reflation

From Fred Emery
Washington, April 19
Mr Roy Jenkins, President of
the European Commission, said
after meeting President Carter and leading members of his Cabinet today that he had found encouragement and re-assurance in the new Administration's energy and economic policies. Mr. Jenkins suggested in an

interview that after what he had learned it would be a mistake if the economic summer meeting in London early next month concentrated on trying to get the "strong" economies to restate forther. That had been the strategy of the Carter Administration

from its outset: to get West Germany and Japan to take with the United States, in order to help the lagging economies. Mr Callaghan made much of it when he visited Mr

But Mr Jenkins said that the But Mr Jenkins said that the Americans now made a very good case that their economy was coming along well enough without taking possibly inflationary measures—hence the abandonment of the Administration's sumulus programme for this year.
Mr. Jenkins said that concen

trating on the issue of refla-tion at the London talks "would lead to a sour and divisive atmosphere." Furthermore, he was not sure that further reflation by the strong had that much effect on the weaker economies, and there was always the danger of in-It was equally important for

the seven countries attending the summit to try to make a major effort to concert their energy policies vis a vis the oil-producing countries now that Mr Carter had taken his bold first step.

Also it was critical for the leaders to get a "package

leaders to get a "package agreement" for their final position in the North-South conference in Paris that had to be concluded later in May. to be concluded later in May. Success here was "crucial politically, and crucial for the future balance of the world".

Mr Jenkins also saw the multilateral trade negotiations figuring large on the Loudon agenda. He praised Mr Carter for his actions in resisting propertionist demands in the tectionist demands in the United States. The decision to seek voluntary restraints on

shoe imports rather than quotas or tariffs (and which in

fact applied only to Taiwan and South Korez, not Italy, the EEC member most involved) was courageous". He said the EEC stood alongside Mr Carter in seeking to effects of protectionism.
He noted that the Administration opposed the recent customs court ruling on alleged tax-rebate subsidies on Japanese electronic exports to the United States. He said the EEC was most concerned lest such a principle be applied to all

Mr Jenkins said he had discussed nuclear power policy with Mr Carter, and believed there was now much less cause for difference between the United States and her allies than had seemed appearent "He recognizes our need for plutonium", Mr Jenkins said. The President's April 7 state-

ment renouncing American commercial use of plutonium and fuel reprocessing contained explicit understandings that the other nuclear power pro-ducers could not follow suit. the also praised Mr Carter's energy speech last night and its attempt to bring home the danger of the "whole of Western civilidation crashing to-

Western civilidation crashing to-its knees" unless energy was conserved. While Europe had done better than America in saving energy, the EEC "had not really had much of an energy policy". He hoped Mr Carter's initiative would stimulate one.

US moves over Arab boycott worry business

From Patrick Brogan
Washington, April 19
American business groups
are seriously worried about
the possible effects of anti-boycort legislation now on its way corr legislation now on its way through Congress.

Mr Richard Lesher, president of the United States Chamber of Commerce, who called a meeting of 250 members of the chamber here yesterday, said: "The Senata Bill would make it difficult to do business in the Middle East, but the House Bill would make it next to impossible."

The Senate version of the The Senate version of the Bill includes various compromises supported by President Carter and Republican members of the banking com-mittee, but the House version has various stiff provisious which would make any compliance with the Arab boycon of Israel illegal.

Missionaries admit helping Rhodesian guerrillas

It is the third major case brought by the Government against white churchmen.

The defendants are Father Laurence Lynch of Mount Meleray Mission and Mr Michael Pocock, principal of St Mary Magdalene School, both in the Inyanga mountains bordering Mozambique.

According to an agreed state-According to an agreed state-According to an agreed statement of facts, a group of 13 armed guerrillas arrived at St. Mary Magdalene school on February 2. They entered Mr. Pocock's office and demanded that he assemble the students and staff, which he did. The guerrillas then addressed the staff and purils for about an staff and pupils for about an hour before giving Mr Pocock a list of their needs and telling

him to announce them to the gathering. He did this and it was agreed by him and the staff that they would all contribute towards the forces, cost of their needs, the money to be deducted from their

From Michael Knipe
Salisbury, April 19
Two white missionaries, a
Roman Catholic priest and an
Anglican teacher, are due to be
sentenced in Umtali tomorrow
after pleading guilty to harbouring and assisting African
nationalist guerrillas and failing
to report their presence.
It is the third major case
brought by the Government

In the case of Father Lynch

the agreed statement said that on February 20 13 armed gueron returning 20 13 armed guer-riles arrived at the Mount Meleray Mission and asked for food. Father Lynch gave them food and soft drinks. He spoke to the guerrillas and as a re sult three of them, carrying arms, attended Mass. On the evening of March 6 the guerrillas returned to the mission and three of their leaders went into Father Lynch's house where they drank beer and gin. The prosecutor said that like Mr Pocock, Father Lynch had the means and opportunity to report the presence of the guerrillas but failed to

One of the men who visited both the mission and the school and attended Mass later gave himself up to Government Mr Pocock said in evidence

that he had known there were guertillas in the area since last

Opposition rioters burning furniture on a Lahore street yesterday. The protest against alleged poll rigging is now in its fourth week."

Mr Bhutto hands out more pay to troops and officials

From Richard Wigg
Lahore, April 19
Mr Bhuno, the Pakistan
Prime Minister, today paraded
15,000 of his People's Party
supporters down the Mall,
Lahore's principal thoroughfare, hisherto monopolized by
supposition protesters. opposition protesters.

For once the city rang to shouts of praise for the Government in place of the now customary abuse. However after prayers this

National Alliance also got out their rival procession, although is seemed not so big as the Covernment's. Afterwards

the route for the two procestions, zealors of both sides years.

Where to be seen in the Mall carrying daggers and repeatedly

The virtue of such good emphasized that it was on Mr acrs, he told reporters, was Binutro's personal instructions virtue of such good emphasized that it was on Mr acrs, he told reporters, was believed by the obvious political instructions and been ical instructions. firing pistol shots into the air. Throughout the day the at-mosphere was tense with an ever-present risk of violence. Only yesterday shooting broke out after demonstrations be-tween the rival parties in Lyallpur, an industrial town about 90 miles from Lehore, and in Hyderabad near Kara-chi. At least eight people were

The People's Party organizers said today's march was a demonstration of gratitude by National Alliance supporters Lahore's squatter population, marched to a People's Party the Katchi Abadis. O nSunday office and, according to eye witnesses, set it alight.

Despite a strong contingent ownership of the small plots of of armed police, which lined land where they have built

past élan of the People Party with slogans praising the Prime Minister as—" leader of the party of the poor, not the rich".

Mr Bhutto has also given rises to all ranks of the armed forces up to the rank of general, together with steeply in-

Police force

to go ahead

gress for Democracy.

Talking about the Commis

cutback

in India

From Kuldip Nayar Delhi, April 19

One People's Party sup-porter, who approached me, explained that he had been a member of the party for the past three years and now worked in the Ministry of Labour. The salary increases announced last night by Mr Pirzada, the Finance Minister, he said, would raise his basic monthly salary from rupees 400 to 500 (about £44).

"much more generous" than the Pay Commission had originally recommended. They will cost the Exchequer more than £110m but the minister said nothing about in-

creased taxes to pay for them. A Labore businessman said today that he doubted if these coocassions would achieve their main purpose since everyone saw clearly the Prime Minister's motives. Maulana Maudoodi, the poli-tico-religious head of Jaman ?

Islami, one of the nine opposition parties making up the National Alliance, similarly condemned Mr Bhum's move to close bars and nightclubs and introduce strict Islamic

Foreign journalists were to peacedly approached by Peoples Party demonstrators today, demanding to know if they were "from the BBC". On Sunday Mr. Shann chose to anack the BBC for its recent coveraged of happenedicts in

Suddenly today two of my colleagues, and I were surrounded by excited young People's Party marchers shouting in our fages: "Down with the BEC 19 Table of the demonstrators rushed up to a French the grade and made to punch tists him and then me. Stewards of the party hurled the young man away in a shower of punches.

left, the ship, inviting his new found friends to a return party

at /his house at Sepetiba, 25

miles away, where there were further refreshments and rend-erings of "What shall we do

headquarters. When he announced himself their reac-

tion, he said, was: "Oh my God, how funny. You're kidd-ing".

to walk across another piece To reach the Danae he had

of British territory HMS Tiger. But by the time his presence had been reported to the watch,

the guest was safely back on Brazilian soil. Danae and the other 12 ships of the task

force are now at sea. So are a number of people involved in

Mr Biggs's visit is now the subject of Admiralty cables. Rear-Admiral Martin Wemyss,

the squadron commander, has

called for the full facts. And

at least two MPs want Mr

the incident.

Carter plan for big petrol tax rise

From Our Own Correspondent Washington, April 19

President Carter's appeal to the nation last night for personal sacrifices and a change in the way of living if an energy shortage is not to end in "national catastrophe" was followed up today with treent meetings with congressional

They were told that Mr Car-ter will esk Congress tomorrow for authority to raise the tax on petrol to 30 cents a gallon—from the present rate of four cents. This was disclosed by Senator Alan Cranston, the Democratic deputy leader, after the White House meeting. He said he understood Mr

Carner wanted initially to raise the peirol tax by only five cents—with future annual increases threatened if petrol consumption did not decline.

Mr Carter's specific proposals will be presented tomorrow in an address to a joint session of Congress. session of Congress.

Few politicians have dared to disagree instantly with the President, who is openly risking his own popularity. At the same time there are few signs of seriators and Congressmen wishing to stand with him. For if they agree to higher prices, especially for petrol, then they must risk the wrath of voters two years before Mr Carter. Congressional reaction will be

early 1980s—assuming nothing was done to save energy in this country. But some Southern leaders said they wished Mr Carter had put as much empha-sis on increasing production as

sis on increasing production as he had on conserving oil.

Their reactions contrasted with Mr Carter's boldness in telling the people that the eraof plenty was over. Twice he compared the situation to war and said the effort to meet the energy shortage would be "the moral equivalent of war".

His purpose, from his open-His purpose, from his open-ing words, "I want to have an unpleasant talk with you", was to try waking people to the nature of the crisis that, least half the nation does not

believe exists. believe exists.

Mr Carter played skilfully to the populist suspicions that the oil shortage was a plot by the big oil companies to increase profits. "You have suspected that some supplies of oil and gas are being withheld", he said. "You may be right, but suspicious about the oil companies cannot change the fact

panies cannot change the fact that we are running out of petroleum.

He promised: "We will not let the oil companies profiteer.

We will monitor the accuracy of data from the oil and natural gas companies so that we will know their true production, supplies reserves and profits.

and profits. This promise to give the people the facts will be the lever for acceptance of Mr Carter's prescriptions. I think most of you realize that a policy which does not ask for changes are accifices would not be an the test for the policy, and too often in the past Congress has prevented a meaningful energy policy being adopted.

Most of the early reactions agreed with the President's analysis that oil demand would outstrip production by the This promise to give the people the facts will be the lever for acceptance of Mr Carter's prescriptions. I think most of you realize that a policy which does not ask for changes or sacrifices would not be an effective policy at this late date, he said.

him, he could offer some advice. Mr Desai said Mr B. K Nehru, Indian High Commis-sioner in Britain, would continue in his office until the Commonwealth Prime Ministers Conference in June. Talking about the utility of the Commonwealth, Mr Desai said "the whole world should **Ouebec decision**

Winnipeg, April 19.—Mr Trudezu, the Canadian Prime Minister, appealed to the nation last night to look on the separatist challenge in Quebec as a chance for all the people to build a stronger country.

He said in a televised address that the election vic-tory in Quebec in November Africa, Mr Desai said he was all for moral help, but "we are not going to send forces".

Asked if India would accept economic aid from America, the Prime Minister said: "We do not reject it". But it depended on development plans which he by the separatist Parti Québé-cois had "opened the door to wider change". The predo-minantly French-speaking Quebec people felt they were not playing their part in Canadian society. This was also the feeling of many western Candians. Mr Trudeau said of the ple-

biscite on independence which the Party Québecais has promised to hold: "If Quebecers in their referendum are to choose to kive in Canada, it will have to be a Canada they want to live in."—Reuter.

Admiralty all at sea over Biggs visit clear whether it was a joke. Mr Biggs, urgently wishing to repay his hosts kindness, then

uestions are to be asked in the Commons on how Ronald Biggs, the train robber formerly of Heathfield Road, Wandsworth, SW18, came to be drink-ing beer on British territory on Saturday night.

Mr. Biggs, who left Wands-worth at his own wish in 1965

Mr Morarji Desai, the Indian Prime Minister, said today the size of the police force would be reduced so it would be in-proportion to the needs of the to undertake a world tour to Australia and Brazil, has resis. Australia and Brazil, has resis. Mr Eiggs met the sailors ted all the blandishments of who were having language Scotland Yard to return for the difficulties, when he made one remaining 28 years of his 30- of his twice-weekly obligatory country. He was speaking here to members of the Foreign Journalists Association. The cutback was promised in remaining 28 years of his 30-, year sentence. But after six years in Rio de Janiero, he was stricken at the weekend with what could have passed for a pang of homesickness.

The fleet was in town. A company of sailors from the frigate Danae, maintaining an honourable tradition of payal the election manifestos of the ruling alliance, the Janata (People's) Party and the Con-

sion of Inquiries, appointed to look into the affairs of Mrs Gandhi's Government, Mr Desai honourable tradition of naval hospitality, invited Mr Biggs on board for drinks. One of their number, not properly imbued with the party spirit, attempted said the guilty would be punished, but there had to be specific charges of correction The Prime Minister said he hoped chief ministers would to make a citizen's arrest.

Being in a place under British help in bolding new elections in the states.

Asked if the developments in

jurisdiction, namely a cabin on one of Her Majesty's warships and escape from custody being Pakistan had affected India, hean offence for which British citizens may make an arrest, he was perfectly entitled to do so, although the Brazilian authorities might have been less than said they were an internal matter for Pakistan, but if that country's leaders were to ask

amused.

But according to Mr Biggs, Mulley, the Defence Secretary, interviewed in Rio de Janiero to explain how a ship in his yesterday, the sailor was discare came to entertain one of suaded. Other sailors, he said, the most wanted British shouted: "Don't you touch our Biggsy", and "Over our dead thorough investigation.

be a Commonwealth ". He said the meeting in London " is a good nucleus " for that concept seen as 'door to wider change? and "I attach great importance to the Commonwealth". He said he was in favour of signing the treaty for the non-

Reprimand for rabbi over Nablus incident From Our Correspondent

Tel-Aviv, April 19
Rabbi Meir Kahane, leader of the Jewish Defence League, who provoked a near riot in Nablus on Sunday when he tried to intrude on the mayor, was warned officially yesterday to refrain from further pro-

vocations.

The rabbi, who is a parliamentary election candidate, was summoned to a meeting with Major-General Abraham Orli, commandant of the Israel occu-pied areas. He had gone to Nablus with armed followers to talk about proposed Jewish settlement in the area with Mr Bassan al-Shakka, the mayor. Correction In a report from Tel Aviv in

later editions of The Times on Monday, Mr Bassan al-Shakka was wrongly referred to as the mayor of Nazareth.

11 Israeli bodies exchanged for prisoners

From Eric Marsden
Jerusalem, April 19
The bodies of nine Israeli soldiers, listed as missing in action since 1973, were returned by Egypt today at a crossing point in the Sinai buffer zone. The Egyptians also handed over the coffins of Major Dr Moshe Marzouk and Major Shmuel Azar, who were executed as spies in 1955.

Families of the war casualties, who were not identified,

Was marked by a military cerëmony in the coastal area of the coastal ties, who were not identified, had been notified of the return had been notified of the return apparently as part of an agreeof the bodies. Their arrival ment with Egypt under which of acting as Israeli spies

proliferation of nuclear weapons, "but the first condi-tion is that all those who have

nuclear weapons must destroy

On the question of assistance to nationalist forces in southern Africa, Mr Desai said he was

said were not yet completed.

Mr Desai said his Govern

ment would not allow prices to

rise and there were contingency plans to prevent them doing so.

"We do not want to disclose them lest profiteers should think of some other t hings",

salem and the International Committee of the Red Cross,

Egypt, Major Marzouk and Major Major Marzouk and Major Azar were hanged in February, 1955, after being found guilty

Work or starve warning by Peking daily

came out with a strong re-minder today that "anyone agriculture, then light industry who does not work will not be and third, heavy industry with

most emphasis being put on A front page leading article fuel production.
in the People's Daily, speaking
Publication of the leading

in the People's Daily, speaking of the economic reconstruction programme, said: "Let us be firm in applying the principle of socialist sharing: anyone who does not work will not be fed and to each person according to his capacity and his labour".

The article specified ways of increasing production norms in few wasks.

Publication of the leading article preceded the announcement of the opening of a national industrial conference, the dates for which are not yet article probably reflect preparatory work at conferences which have been held in about twenty provinces over the past few wasks. increasing production norms in few weeks.

order to obtain "several milling put forward economic machinery.

lion tons more of coal and ideas and concepts that had Agence France-Presse.

Peking, April 19.—The steel this year. It gave the not been seen in the Chinese Government newspaper here order of priority for the de-press since the Cultural Re-Observers noted that it took

up almost point by point the policy put forward by Mr Teng Hsiao-ping the former Vice-Premier, before his purge in April last year, Although Mr Hsiao-ping is no longer in disgrace, his comeback in Peking politics is still awaited. The trticle called for the number of production workers to be increased and for the

reorganization and simplifiof administrative

Karpov makes quick work of potential challenger

Hungary, to build up a powerful lead after four rounds in the European team chess finals. Anatoly Kurpov, the Soviet world champion, defeated the Hungarian captain, Lajos Portisch in what experts hailed as the best game of the tournament so far.

Moscow, April 19.—The England are losing 2!—3! in Soviet Union today scored a their fourth round match convincing 6—2 victory over against Czechoslovalda, with two adjourned games to be finished.

The only English win so far against the Czechoslovaks came in a sharp, attacking game by John Nunn against Augustin. Standings with three rounds to go: Soviet Union 24, Hungary 17, Parls Indian 24, Hungary 17, Hungary 1 as the best game of the to go: Soviet Union 24, number of the gary 17, Bulgaria 16, Yugo-slavia 16, Romania 16, West Indian Defence, took only 23 Germany 14, England 12 (two moves to beat the Hungarian who could be his challenger vakia 101 (two adjourned).—

The police said they had received unconfirmed reports that fire started in three separate areas of the hotel simultaneously.—Reuter.

Seven dead, 23 missing in Texas hotel fire

Galveston, Texas, April 19 .-Fire swept through a Galveston hotel early today, leaving at least seven people dead and 23 missing.

Fire department officials said

they were investigating whether three storey hotel and an adjacent furniture store, was

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Tanzania tightens its border ban on contact with Kenya From Our Correspondent Nairobi, April 19 A Tanzanian announcement that the closure of the 500-mile

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munity was until now respon-sible for negotiating all air that the closure of the 500-mile border with Kenya has been rejection of a recent call by the Kenya Government for the return of Kenyan aircraft and vehicles that have been held in Tanzania since the border was closed early in February.

remained closed officially, travellers were able to cross on foot. Bus and taxi services have until now been operating to the main border crossings. The Tanzanian announcement last night came without warning, saying that even Tanzanians now in Kenya would not be allowed to return home.

Efforts to solve the differences between the two states were made at joint meetings recently, but the Kenyans and undermined the scope for cooperation with Kenya.

ings recently, but the Kenyans Kenya, say all their proposals for restoring normal relations have been rejected. Transmia closed which

Very little now remains of the East African Community, which came into being in December, 1967.

Customs and excise services the border after blaming kenya for the financial collapse of Kast African Airways carlier this year, although Kenya denies this.

Today Kenya announced it had taken over the Kenyan civil aviation and meteorological services which had remained under the disintegrating East

Customs and excise services and a range of research services still operate under the Community. The Community's newly built beadquarters at Arusha, in northern Tanzania, however, is now cut off from Kenya by Tanzania's closure of the border. lapse of East African Airways carlier this year, although Kenya denies this.

Third World report

Dr Nyerere's prescription to combat aid addiction

From Nicholas Ashford

A poor nation cannot be independent if it depends on external help. Foreign aid is by its nature temporary and porchable and must not become the basis of develop-

This warning about overde-pendence on foreign assistance is contained in a remarkable booklet by President Nyerere of Tanzania, entitled The Arusha Declaration—10 years later, just published. It is remarkable because in reviewing Tanzania's progress since the country embarked on a policy of socialism and self-reliance, President Nyerere gives as much prominence to

the failures as to the successes. He criticizes those who think there cannot be development without thousey and who still think in terms of "internation-al standards" instead of what a country can afford. Foreign aid, he argues, should be used only for major projects, such as the Tanzania-Zambia railway, and not for relatively simple schemes in which local meerials can be used. Why build a house our of imported locally as instead of

locally-made burnt bricks and developing countries that rely on a high level of external addicted to aid. Loans and international aid agencies can become an established part of economic phanoing, with the resolt that welfare state. of economic phanoing, with the result that the long-term aim of self-reliance begins to fade away. In short, aid becomes a way of the

These dangers are particularly relevant to Tanzania. It is one of the poorest countries in the world, without any known natural resource that could a serious drought three years produce a sudden accumulation of wealth. It is also one of the biagest aid recipients in Africa.

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Tauzania has become a the region of 70,000 tons. The country which the rich industrialized world loves to give up a strategic food reserve in money to. This is partly case of future droughts.

because of the personality of President Nyerere and the policy of Fabino-style socialism to which he has committed his country. Tanzania's egalitarian goals, its avoidance of "white elephant" schemes and its gen-eral lack of corruption have all helped to impress donor

Seventy per cent of Tan-zania's development budget is now externally financed. Most aid is tied to projects but some is also given to help balance the nation's books. Tanzania is fortunate in that much of its aid is in grant or concessionary form so it is not faced with the sort of debt servicing problems that confront many other developing countries.

But is foreign aid to Tanzania being used merely, as some sceptics maintain, to support a socialist experiment which seems doomed to fail-ure? Is there any sign that the Tanzanian economy will one day be able to stand on its own feet unaided ? Some donors believe that, by

the next decade, Tanzania, given political stability, could become self-sufficient in most basic commodities and consequently less dependent on aid.

According to Mr Lyle
Hansen, the World Bank's representative lies? Salaam, there are two main President Nyerere is acutely constraints on Tanzania's deware of the dangers facing velopment—low production

> Agriculture, in which most of the 15 million population are engaged, provides the best hope for eventual self-suffi-ciency. Until now the country's agricultural record has been dismal, with food production

Advice.

At present external assistance to Tanzania is running at about £200m a year, or £13 a head of population, almost twice what it was a couple of years ago. A third of this amount is provided by the four Nordic countries (principally Sweden) and most of the balance by other Western nations.

Except for the Chinese-built railway, communist countries have provided little assistance. Tanzania has become a country which the rich indus-

Jury critical of Nairobi gunmen secretary in steal load of Sydney libel suit Ugandan coffee

Nairobi, April 19.—A consignment of coffee, being transported by road from Uganda to the Kenyan port of Mombasa, was hijacked at ganpoint while being driven through Nairobi, police said today.

They said the coffee worth Sydney, April 19.—An Australian Supreme Court jury to-day described Miss Junie Morosi, the glamorous secre-tary of a former Deputy Prime Minister, as undesirable, dis-reputable and incompetent. It was "an affront to the nation and the feelings of the community", the jury said, that she had received an im-portant civil service appoint-ment in 1974. ydney, April 19.-An Aus-

opinions were

The jury's opinions were iven in the form of "Yes" or

The jury said it found no substantial truth in allegations in the newspaper articles that Mr Whitlam had found her unfit for her job and that he had ordered her to be dismissed. And it also found there was no substantial truth

there was no substantial truth in an allegation that she had a romantic attachment with Dr

They said the coffee, worth about £82,000 was stolen by five gunmen who threatened to shoot the larry driver and his mate unless they surrendered ment in 1974. Born in the Philippines, Miss Morosi was secretary and per-sonal assistant to Dr Jim Cairus the cargo.

Police said the driver told them he was driving through the city on Monday night when he found his way obstructed by another vehicle. This vehicle contained the armed gangsters who robbed him. who was Federal Treasurer and deputy to Mr Gough-Whitlam, then the Lebour Party Prime Miss Morosi, aged 43, a thrice married grandmother, is suing three Sydney newspepers, nwned by Mr Rupert Murdoch,

In recent weeks many con voys transporting Uganda's coffee to Moubasa for export have been hijacked by armed gangs.—AP.

Satellite watch on iceberg

Washington, April 19.— American scientists are track-ing by satellite the progress of a huge Antarctic feeberg which they fear could drift into the South Atlantic and pose threat to shipping.

S African challenge on rights of Coloureds

From Nicholas Ashford Johannesburg, April 19

A somewhat unseemly dispute has developed between the South African Government and South African Government and seven members of a commission set up to investigate the position of the country's 2,500,000 Coloured (mixed blood) people. The dispute centres on the Government's White Paper, published last week, on the 567-page report produced by the commission under the chairmanship of Professor Erika Theron

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While accepting the majority
of the report's 178 recommendations, the White Paper rejected 31, including four which
were considered the most important. These called for direct
Coloured representation in Parliament and other decisionmaking bodies, the abolition of
job reservation, the repeal of
the mixed marriages and immorality Acts, and the opening
of white universities to
Coloureds.

In a statement issued at the

In a statement issued at the weekend Professor Theron and six other commissioners said that they doubted whether the Government had correctly understood the philosophy underlying their report.

On political rights the state-ment said that it was "urgently necessary that room should be made for direct representation and a Coloured say at central and local government levels." Mr Vorster, the Prime Mini-ster and Mr Henois Smit, the Minister of Coloured Relations, publicly rebuked the commis-sioners for making their

statement.

Mr Vorster is to make a statement one foreign policy in Parliament tomorrow during which he will give his reacation Rhodesian constitutional con-ference being canvassed by Dr Owen, the British Foreign Sec-

The Prime Minister is also expected to refer to the problems of South-West Africa (Naudbia) and the démarche made 10 days ago by the ambas-sadors of the five western powers about the present plans for the territory,

General Nathaniel Mbumba, leader of the Congo National Liberation Front, which has invaded Zaire from Angola, studies a field map with his colleagues. General Mbumba, who is 38, was police commissioner of Shaba, formerly Katanga, in 1967 but became head of the Front in 1968.

Government forces, supported by what were described as pygmy elite bowmen, have sur-rounded the town of Mutshe-tasha in a counter-offensive against Katangan insurgents in Shaba province, a Government spokesman said tonight.

He said the pygmies used bows and arrows instead of guns

The insurgents lovaded Shaba from Angola last month. Last weekend Moroccan-supported government troops began the counter-offensive to push the insurgents away from the approaches to the copper-mining town of Kolwezi. The spokesman said journal-

Kinshasa, April 19.-Zaire ists would be flown to Mutshatplanned trip to Kolwexi tomorrow had been cancelled.

Pygmy bowmen drive back Katangan rebels

ow had been cancelled.

He said the pygmies were counter-guerrillas and he described them as "great bowmen." They were part of the Zaire Army and were fighting in battalion strength. A battalion is normally about 500 men.

The spokesman claimed that interpretation of priconers had interrogation of prisoners had

revealed that the rebels' leader, Colonel Mbumba, had deserted them and gone to Angola. New York, April 19.—Mr de Figueiredo, the Angolan repre-sentative at the United Nations,

He denied that Angolan or Cuban troops were in any way involved, and said the presence

of foreign forces and mer-ceneries in Zaire posed a potential threat to his own country. He also criticized the part played by France, Bel-gium, South Africa and China in Zaire—Reuter. gium, South Afric in Zaire.—Reuter.

Paris, April 19.—King Hassau of Morocco said in an in-terview published here today he had proof that Cubans were involved in the fighting in

said today that the Exhring in firmed in a report by the com Zaire was a nationwide "popu- mander of a Moroccan unit lar uprising", not just a seces- sent to Zaire, he said.

"On April 17. Colonel Abdolish sent me a cable say-ing that a wounded white man had been taken prisoner in a village", the King was quoted as saying. "The questioning of this man and information gathered in villages show that the presence of Cuban soldiers in Zaire is absolutely certain."

combat the insurgents in Shaba, gave the interview to four French

In brief

King Kong given the human touch

New York, April 19.—The New York Times Company today hunched an illustrated formightly magazine called US. The first issue carries articles ranging from "India's new ruler" to "The real King Kong".

Mr William Davis, the publisher, says the magazine will "delve heavily into the human side of today's world".

School spanking upheld Washington, April 19.—The United States Supreme Court has ruled that corporal punishment in public schools, no matter how severe, does not violate constitutional rights.

Guerrillas on the run

Padang Besar, Malaysia, April 19.—A joint force of 5,000 Malaysian and Thai troops is reported to have routed communist guerrillas in southern Thailand and captured 20 of

Jail commissioner killed Nairobi, April 19.—Mr Leonard Kigoonya, a former commissioner of prisons in Uganda was arrested by Presi-dem Amin's troops last week and killed, according to reports reaching here.

Briton on death charge

Hongkong, April 19.—Christo-pher Clements, aged 23 a British cook from the 30,000 ton liner Arcadia, has been charged with murdering a 56-year-old Chinese prostitute in Hongkong

Question of taste

New Brunswick, New Jersey, April 19.—University scientists here are trying to manufacture Thone steaks out of soyabeans.

"The bone is easy; just an engineering problem", says one of them. "The hard part is getting it to taste like a T-bone steak."

Unity on Palestinians

Moscow, April 19.—President Assad of Syria has ended his talks with Soviet leaders here with a joint call for a Middle East settlement which respects



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Foreign Secretary hoping for greater trust among all sides on Rhodesia issue

sound judgment—as to its future?
Will the Foreign Secretary

clarify his position about the con-tinuation of the guerrilla warfare?

Condemnation of violence in the settlement of international dis-

deliberately avowed ourselves.

It would be desirable for the Secretary of State to make further reference to this point in order that there should be no doubt that we adhere to the firmness of this reducible. (Concernation theory.)

principle. (Conservative cheers.)

Dr Owen—If and when the decision

is taken to convene a conference I will come to the House and explain

will come to the House and explain all aspects of it. Consulting the people of Rhodesia as a whole is an integral part of this strategy and this should be done effectively by a general election. The question of the franchise is one which would be dealt with in the constitution. It ought to be the broadest possible franchise.

I have already said that I was menuloded about the question of

openminded about the question of a permanent mission. It depends

on whether one reaches a decision to go ahead with the conference. There would be a need for intensive consultation prior to the opening of an informal conference. Much of that would have to take place in Phodesia.

place in Rhodesia.

I never spoke to anyone who was advocating armed force without making it personally quite clear—and I thought I spoke for the whole House—that we condemned guerrilla violence and we believed there could be a peaceful transition.

But that does not exclude one

lace in Rhodesia.

During his recent visit to southern Africa, Dr David Owen, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, discussed the possibility of Britain and the United States co-sponsoring a conference to develop a clear imetable for achieving majority rule in Rhodesta in 1978.

Such a conference, Dr Owen said constitution and discuss the role of an international development fund to help promote the economic sta-bility of an independent Zim-

My main purpose (he sald) was to see whether it would be possible to resume progress towards a peaceful sertlement of the Rhodesian problem. Violence has been increasing, and while a long and increasing, and while a long and bloody struggle might in the end it will do so only at grave cost.

Many lives will be lost, the economy will be destroyed, there will be severe damage to the stability of the neighbouring states and it will leave a legacy of lasting bitterness between the races. We are all well aware of the immense difficulties of resolving this prob-

I was encouraged to extempt a new approach by the support of the United States Government, with which there has been the closest possible cooperation. It is our joint determination to work reconciliation in southern Africa, the firm basis of majority rule, the fullest regard for human fights, and the ending of racial crimination.

The starting point for the present initiative goes back to the starement of the Prime Minister on March 22, 1976, and the crucial achievement of Dr Kissinger when achievement of Dr Kissinger when Mr Smith spoke of majority rule within two years. It is true that Mr Smith's speech mentioned other conditions which were not subsequently realized, but I believed that his statements then and since suggested that he might be persuaded to accept the objective of majority rule in 1978.

The Concern proprietients stalled

The Genera negotiations stalled, not over majority rule though there were doubts as to the extent to which this had been agreed by

In February on my visit to Washington with the Prime Minister I suggested to the United States Administration that we should work jointly on a strategy to promote a peaceful transition to majority rule and this they readily asserts to do a new with to Africa. agreed to do. On my visit to Africa I was able to discuss the possibility of the United Kingdom and the of the United Kingdom and the United States co-sponsoring a con-ference to develop a clear timetable for achieving majority rule m 1978. Such a conference would draw up a constitution protecting basic human rights and define an acceptable democratic process for an automatic transfer to an independent nation.

It would also discuss the role of an international development fund to help promote the economic stability of an independent Zimbabwe and encourage the minority white population to stay and contribute to the country's future. The consti-tution would aim to be broadly acceptable to six million people, black and white, who would actually live under its provisions; but, as chairman of the conference, I would retain the final respon-sibility for bringing any constitu-tional Bill to this House for its

tional Bill to this House for its approval.

The British Government's proposals of January for an interim Government remain open for discussion. It may be that there is more likely to be agreement to a caretaker government which would be responsible for the conduct of elections prior to the granting of independence.

If Mr Smith's administration did

idependence. If Mr Smith's administration did not accept the constitution and the arrangements leading up to it, no immediate progress would be possible, sanctions would continue and so would the war, but I sus-pect at an increased tempo. If there was agreement, Mr Smith's administration would resign, the caretaker government would super-vise the elections and anyone participating in the election would have to forsake violence; sanctions should also be lifted.

I am convinced that many of the

Africans who currently believe that the armed struggle is the only way forward are essentially men of peace. It is not difficult to under-

arms are convinced that they will have majority rule, I regret that it looks inevitable that violence will continue. The reactions to this strategy have been sufficiently encouraging for me to feel it right in close consultation and coopera-tion with the United States Government to continue discus-sions with the various parties. I hope to be in a position soon to inform the House whether we and the Americans feel it would be worth while to co-sponsor a con-

ference. My visit to Africa lasted only eight days. But I am convinced even more than before I left of the urgent need to end the war in Rhodesia. Genuine concern about the dangers of the continued confrontation was clearly expressed to me by the five Front Line Presi-dents, by Mr Vorster and by the Rhodesian leaders, black and white. I found a widespread belief

white. I found a widespread belief in the necessity for a non-racial majority government.

There is, however, a desperate lack of trust which must be rebuilt. Mr. John Davies, Opposition spokesman on foreign affairs (Knutsford, C)—In thanking the Foreign Secretary for his statement may I offer him my sincere congrapilations on the success of congratulations on the success of his exacting and rigorous mission, (Cheers.)
On this side we greatly welcome

On this side we greatly welcome the visit, particularly that to Rhodesia which we thought was essential. We welcome his continued adherence to the breakthrough obtained by Dr Kissinger and particularly welcome his own personal involvement both now and in the conference which he seeks to call. All these are matters which we on the Opposition side have long advocated and we are glad to see them fulfilled. The change in the attitude of

But that does not exclude one them furfilled.

The change in the attitude of mind of the United States in so firmly offering its cooperation to the Secretary of State and Suddents of the Patriotic Front in Rhodesia over the past 13 years.

While we welcome the proposed to a set violence. The determination of the Patriotic Front in Rhodesia over the past 13 years.

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mat what is at sake is made the only hope for a peaceful settlement is if Mr Smith genuinely accepts the principle of the change involved in majority rule?

Dr Owen-I am under no illusions about the difficulties and can offer no guarantee of success. But the prospects of not even attempting get a peaceful transition are tremely dire. The co-sponsorship of the United States is a crucial

Mr Smith's intentions is the key to the whole issue. I have made it clear in conducting any negotia-tions that I am forced to conclude that he believes what he says and means what he says.

I have explained to Mr Smith that there is considerable doubt about his intentions and that it would greatly ease annieties and doubts and might reduce the present level of violence if his administration in the next few mouths, when negotiations might possibly be started, would start to remove some of the racially discriminatory legislation and many of the practices which took place over the past few years and which are found to be abhorrent by many people on both sides of the House. Mr Arthur Bottomley (Teesside, Middlesbrough, Lab)—There are continuing doubts whether the Rhodesian Front can be trusted. Would the Foreign Secretary scrept my congratulations on the success of his mission, particularly the state of helps about majority. his aim to bring about majority rule in Rhodesia next year. With this end in view would he make a further appeal to my old friends, Robert Mugabe and Joshua Nkomo, to give the maximum help

tially a freedom struggle.

Mr Enoch Powell (South Down, UUUC)—Is it too late for the Foreign Secretary to avoid involving the United Kingdom in a role which implies power and influence and consequently responsibility in and consequently responsibility in southern Africa which we do not possess and of which consequently the result can only be humiliation for this country and even further bloodshed and confusion for these states. others?

Dr Owen-There is a greater bumiliation that is when a proud country with a great record of colonial rule when faced with the choice of trying to achieve a peace-ful transition at considerable risk ducks out of it and allows violence to triumph and also to see the possible destruction of democracy going far wider than the boundaries of Rhodesia.

There are major issues involved here. Great struggles are taking place in Africa. If we believe in democracy we ought to be pre-pared to fight for it, (Labour cheers.)

Mr Frank Hooley (Sheffield, Hee-ley, Lab)—How far does the Anglo-American plan for progressing back to constitutional rule in Rhodesia have the assent and sup-port of the five Front Line Presi-

Dr Owen—Although the Front Line Presidents made it clear they would continue to support the armed struggle until they were convinced that majority rule was a reality, they did support this stra-tegy as giving some hope of peace-ful transition. They raised many objections, problems we would encounter and showed considerable scepticism about the intentions of

people of Rhodesia as a whole is bound to lead to doubts whether we still adhere to the fifth principle, to which we are all parties. Does he not think the time has come for the installation of a permanent mission in Salisbury in order that the Government and people should be better informed of the developments in that country and able to reach a more stand what is at stake is that the contry and able to reach a more sound judgment—as to its future? Is if Mr Smith gentiantly accepts the climate of opinion in all quarters and even more than his sceptics in all quarters and even more than his sceptics in I believe we have shown what we were to be called. Since the United States is that the ware in any way trying to introduce western or super politics into what is essentially a freedom struggle.

Will he accept that the co-spontance and people should be better informed of the development and people should be better informed of the way he has changed the Cluding visits to the Presidents of I believe we have shown what we are interested in is a peaceful settlement in Africa. I hope we have removed some of their anxiety in the grant that we were in any way trying to introduce western or super politics into what is essentially a freedom struggle.

Miss Joan Lester (Eton and Slough, Lab)—Did he discuss with Mr Enoch Powell (South Down, South Powell (South Down), South Powell (South Down), South Powell (South Powell (South Down), South Powell (South Powell (South Powell (South Powell

Mr Smith the future of political detainees in Zimbabwe and the role they are expected to play in any negotiations towards transi-

Or Osven—Yes. I made it clear to Mr Smith that just as his racial discrimination legislation was offensive to people in the wider world I thought he ought to look st the question of detention and particularly that if the climate improved prior to the election period it might be helpful if normal political activity could take place again. Sir John Eden (Bournemouth,

West, C)—Since it is the desire of all MPs that there should be an ending as quickly as possible to violence and bloodshed are any representations being made to Moscow as one of the principal sources of the supply of arms to those washing terroprist campaigns? those waging terrorist campaigns? Dr Owen—I made it clear through-out that I did not believe that the West resented the Soviet Union's

presence in Africa. They have a right to be there, as we have, (Conservative interruptions.) They have the right to help. What I said was wrong was that their fielp was almost entirely confined to the sumply of arms and not of develop-ment. It would be a great mistake to think that only the West could be involved in Africa.

The best guarantee of stability for an independent Zimbabwe (he said later) and of good relations

the present Smith administration carries through over the next few difficult months the transition to majority rule, the way the build up of confidence between black and white Rhodeslans—and I am sure this can be done—and the way they try to build up a constitution that will be seen by the rest of the world as a fair interpretation of majority rule.

The more they seek to restrict the franchise and resist any form of effective black government the more doubts will arise in people's

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Language studies for future businessmen

During questions about strengthen-ing the links between industry and higher and further education, Mrs Shiriey Williams, Secretary of State for Education and Science, During ouestions about strengthensaid that aiready there were five pilot schemes linking universities with associated firms and another three universities would shortly antiounce their own proposals.
This was a rapid development, considering that the matter only started a few months ago.
Mr Roderick MacFarquiar

bining foreign languages with stu-dies of engineering and techno-logy, which means that a new peration of businessmen will rhaps be better equipped than perhaps be beste the present one.

Mr Neil Marten (Banbury, C)-What encouragement is given to get graduates, before going on to postgraduate courses, to go out into the world for, say, three

years?

Mir Roderick MacFarguhar (Belper, Lab)—It is regrettable that the department seems to have no information on the numbers of courses available to businessmen who might wish to acquire a foreign language.

Would she investigate with a view to encouraging such training and obtaining information on what has been done already?

Mirs Williams—Most of these courses are full cost courses and courses are full cost courses and courses are full cost courses and cheparament. We are discussing urgently with the Business Education Council the possibility of com-

Differentials should apply in party politics

It would be a bad day for democracy if the advent of polis meant that a Government half way through their term of office should yield up themselves on the basis of temporary unpopularity, the Prime Minister said during question time.

temporary inpopulatary, the Prime Minister said during question time. Mir Peter Blaker (Blackpool South, C) had earlier asked: Does the Prime Minister believe that the Leader of the Liberal Party (Mr David Steel) has yet tumbled to the fact that since his party are keeping the Government in office, they must share responsibility for the present starming rate of price increases? Mr Callaghan should offer Mr Steel a crumb of comfort and say whether he agrees with the forecast of the Secretary of State for Prices and Consumer Protection (Mr Hamersley) that the rate of price increases, on an annual basis, will fall to 12 per cent or 13 per cent by Christmas. Mr James Callaghan (Cardiff, South-East, Lab)—I have not discussed this matter with Mr Steel, so I do not think the latter part of the question arises our of Mr Blaker's particular request.

On retail prices, inflation is the major problem this country still

has to overcome—(Conservative country to a general election until interruptions)—I would be delighted to have some help from the Opposition—and it is to this that we must continue to direct

The Liberal Party in their discussions are placing the national in-terest first. (Conservative laughter and interruptions.) I hope the Conservatives will do the same. Mr Peter Rost (South-East Derby-shire, C)—As the purpose of the coalition is to keep the Govern-ment in office longer than the electors want and the national interest can afford—(Conservative cheers)—why is the Prime Minister putting up Labour candidates putting up Labour candidates against his Laberal partners in the

Mr Callaghan—It would be a bad day for democracy if the advent of the Gallup polls, or whatever polls there are, meant that a Govern-ment helf way through their term of office should yield up them-selves on the basis of temporary unpopularity. (Conservative inter-ruptions.) It is temporary at the moment. (Laustier.)

the Conservatives have made up their minds what their policies are in relation to incomes or, for example, the future of British Leyland, on which there was some difference during the recess, and when they have made up their minds between China and Russia. (Labour laughter.)

It would not be fair to ask the country to decide on these issues until we know what Conservative policy is in some detail. Mr Dennis Skinner (Bolsover, Lab)—Does he recall that in 1975,

Lab)—Does he recal that in 1975, when we were under free collective bargaining last time around, we introduced legislation that provided the Liberal Party, along with other minority parties, with 523,500 to oppose the Government? (Laughter.) Now they are rendering support one day and, seemingly, withdrawing it another, should they not so on half pay? should they not go on half pay? (Renewed laughter.) Does he think the taxpayers are

getting value for money? uptions.) It is temporary at the Mr Callaghan—Yes. Not only am I coment. (Laughter.)

It would be unfair to expose the getting value for money, I believe

After all, the allocation was not given to them to oppose the Government, it was to assist them in their work, and the work and quality has improved. If we are going to have an easing in the pay policy, differentials should apply there. (Laughter.)

Mr David Steel, Leader of the Liberals (Roxburgh, Selkirk and Peebles, L)—While supporting the efforts on pay policy to get wage and price inflation under control, does he think in meetings with the Leader of the Opposition (Mrs Thatrher) he will receive similar support from that quarter?

Mr Callaghan-I have grave dounts Mr Callaghan—I have grave douous about that. Perhaps if she came on her own, but I fear she might be flanked by Sir Keith Joseph (Leeds, North-East, C) on one hand, by Mr James Prior (Lowestoft, C) on the other with Mr Peter Walker (Worcester, C) popping up between the two. It is time that the Opposition told us what their policy on the future of incomes is. (Labour cheers.)

Mrs Williams—No. I want to clear up a misunderstanding. There has been a discussion between my department and the jocal education authorities about what is the ideal size of a sixth form. This is in no size of a sixth form, This is in no sense a statement of policy.

It is to the effect that as the size of the post 15-year-old age group falls, as it will dramatically by the mid-eighties, they should give thought to what provision can be made to offer a reasonable range of courses for these rangeling in of courses for those studying in the sixth form academic and non-academic courses.

There are three possibilities:

linking of existing all-through schools, the sixth form college conschools, the with form college concept and the tertiary college concept. It is for local education authorities, in consultation with teachers, to decide what suits them best. Many features have appeared in the newspapers, including the Evening Standard today, based on a misleading misconception. Mr Norman St John-Stevas, chief

opposition spokesman on educa-tion (Chelmsford, C)—Is she say-ing she is repudiating as false reports that she is carrying on the vendetta against the traditional sixth form and is prepared to encourage a variety of sixth form provision in which sixth form provision in which sixth form col-leges will have a place but in which the traditional sixth form will have an honoured and guaranteed place,

Mrs Williams—That is broadly Mrs Williams—That is broadly fair. Where a school sixth form is so small that it is unable to mount more than a narrow range of courses, academic and non-academic, that sixth form must link with other sixth forms to enable minority subjects to be offered.

We have great concern about subjects like Italian, Russian and Spanish which may well disappear unless arrangements can be made in local authority areas to enable all boys and girls to take them all boys and girls to take them

Sewage disposal

Mr Edmund Marshall (Goole, Lah) was given leave to bring in the Water Clarges (Amendment) Bill to extend the liability to pay general sewerate and savage disposal charges levied by water authorities to all domestic ratepayers whose homes were without sewerage and to remove from these retenances. to remove from these ratepayers any liability to pay other charges levied by local authorities and water authorities for collection and d'sposal of the contents of cesspools and septic janks.

courses

dance she had given to local auth-

Mrs Williams (Hertford and Stevenage, Lab)—I have issued no spidence on the establishment of sixth form centres. I have mentioned in several speeches the need to use our limited resources effectively for 16 to 18 year old pupils, experiedly to the light of the figures. especially in the light of the future decline in the school population. Mr Spearing-When local educa-

This review, coming out of the

all boys and girls to take them though they may be offered by only a single school.

The Bill was read a first time.

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Reasonable range of sixth form

Discussions had taken place be-tween the Department of Educa-tion and Science and local education authorities on the ideal size of a sixth form, Mrs Shirley Williams, Secretary of State for Education and Science, said.

Mr Nigel Spearing (Newham, South, Lab) had asked what gui-

Mr Spearing—When local educa-tion authorities had a choice of creating sixth form centres and 11 to 18 ail-through schools, the latter were set up with the express approval of the department and the minister's predecessors.

line review, coming out of the blue, is typical of the worst aspects of the department which some-times tends to be excessively pessi-ments and bureaucratic and creates uncertainty in the educational sys-

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convicted on indictment to impris-onment for up to two years.

There was widespread agreement on the desirability of a provision of this kind to protect girls be-tween the ages of 14, at which time they ceased to enjoy the general protection of the Indecency with Children Act, 1960, and 16, from incestnous approaches.

severity rather than lendency.
Cannable was an initiation drug
which had led many a young person down the street to the use of

The Bill was passed. The Water Charges Equalization Bill was read the second time. House adjourned, 7.36 pm.

that time the number of prosecu-tions for that drug had diminished. The Criminal Law Bill was read the third time. On the motion that the Bill pass,

Lord Harris of Greenwich, Minister of State, Home Office, said the general attitude of the Government was that in relation to cannabis it would not be right to reach a decision without the views of the Advisory Council on the Misuse of Drugs, which would be reporting.

Marylebone had moved a clause to fill a gap in the law.

The new clause created a new criminal offence. It would be committed where a man incited a girl under 16 to have incestuous sexual intercourse with him.

A man consistent With regard to Class C drugs the Government had not set their mind

seciously at the possibility of meeting the objective of the amendment on camabis with regard to first offenders but the present amendment was technically unsul-

and that imprisonment, except for serious offences, ought not to be an ordinarily applicable penalty to first offenders. It should be a last resort not only for juveniles, as it was already, but for adults. They had set themselves the task of repressing the use, possession, and traffic in cannabis. Every step

towards the acceptance of the drug was a one way street. We can never go back along it (he said). We can never retrace our steps if we make an error and we must be slow to go soft on it. So long as our policy is one of repression we must see that the penalties if at all err on the side of

more serious drugs. The amendment v ent was withdrawn

Government remain firm

on cannabis penalties

Lord Harris of Greenwich, Minister of State, Home Office, moved a new clause (Inciting girl under 16 to have incestnous sexual intercourse). He said that during the report stage the Government undertook to introduce an amendment after Lord Haifsham of St. Marghebone had properly a clause to Marghebone had properly a clause to

intercourse with him.

A man convicted of such an offence should be liable on summary conviction to imprisonment for up to six months or a fine of not more than £1,000 or both, or if convicted on indictment to impris-

incestrous approaches.

The new clause was agreed to.
On Schedule 5 (Alteration of penalties on summary conviction of offences triable summarily or on

Lord Avebury (L) moved two amendments to remove from Lord Avebury (L) moved two amendments in remove from magistrates the power to imprison people for possession of Class C drugs (proposed in the Bill in be three months or £200 or both) as defined under the Misuse of Drugs Act, 1971, and also to remove from them the power to imprison first offenders for unlawful possession of cannabls, a Class B drug, proposed in the Bill to be three months or £500 or both.

The amendment ou cannabls said that after more than one previous

that after more than one previous conviction for unlawful possession there would be the power to imprison. Parliamentary notices

In the case of offences relating to other Class B drugs powers of imprisonment would remain.

He said that for Class C drugs only one of them had been the subject of prosecutions from 1974-75 and that was Mandrax; and in the said that was Mandrax; and in the said that was Mandrax; and in the said stands.

Mr Robert Brown, Under-Secretary of Defence for the Army (Newczstle upon Tyne, West, Lab), said the action needed to achieve the planned reconstruction of the laction needed to achieve the planned reconstruction of the laction needed to achieve the planned reconstruction of the Army was proceeding well. It provided for a carefully phased provided for a carefully phased

Report on rents paid by soldiers in Ulster The Government's defence policy seemed to be based on the hope that "The meek shall inherit the earth", and meanwhile they were doing their best to ignore every bit of evidence that the strong were intent on contesting the will, Mr Philip Goodbart (Bromley, Becken-

ham, C), for the Opposition, said when opening a debate on the Army. Mr Goodhart said thousands of servicemen posted from BAOR had been out of pocket as a result of emergency posting to Northern emergency posting to Northern Ireland. In one regiment there, 46 per cent of all privates and 23 per cent of all lance corporals in married quarters were below the poverty line and got rent rebates.

Parilies had been split up.

It seemed there was not enough money to equip with skis the increased number of commandos to be trained for Arctic warfare.

Perhaps (he said) we could ask the Norwegian Tourist Board to him life the result of the property of the said. reduced rate.

Before BAOR could become a

Before BAOR could become a fully efficient fighting force, there would have to be massive reinforcements of regulars and reservists. The Americans had made a substantial study of these matters and concluded that the Warsaw Pact concluded that the Warsaw Pact would only have to give a few hours' warning before launching a massive attack.

After studying the evidence of the Expenditure Committee (he said) and the American defence report for the financial year, 1978, I would have thought that the chances of one-third of the necessary reserves for BAOR actually getting to the right place at the right time must be less than the chance that Red Rum will run in the Grand National in 1973 and 1979.

1979.

The Government's cuts were already bad enough but if next year's were allowed then irreparable harm would be done to the Mr Robert Brown, Under-Secretary

ried out as resources permitted.

The Government were determined to have a well-equipped and well-organized Army and there was widespread recognition of the quality of Army personnel, equipment and professional standards.

Thirty-seven per cent of Army officers were drawn from the ranks. The Government did not expect to have any difficulties in the coming year in achieving their target for soldier recruiting, with the exception of a few specialist

the exception of a few specialist technician employments. technician employments.

He wanted to make clear there was no truth whatever in the rumours prevalent lately, that there had been, or were about to be, further reductions in the forces' level in Northern Ireland. The armed forces were there to assist in the establishment and maintenance of law and order and until that purpose was achieved. until that purpose was achieved they would remain in support of the RUC and remain in the strength that the level of the vio-

lence required. The total Army strength in Northern Ireland was about 14,000 excluding the UDR. There were 14 major units of the combat arms.
The Government had no plans to reduce the present force level for the time being.

The problem of dissatisfaction expressed by service families in Northern Ireland was mainly about families of men who served longer than the period of four months—those in the resident battalions. There was also the problem of the costs of heating and lighting. They were about to start a programme of improving the insulation of married quarters in the United Kingdom and he was instructed that the first priority. structed that the first priority in this programme should be in Northern Ireland and in other parts of Britain with similar problems.

He was aware of the disparities in Northern Ireland over the parts and the Warthern Ireland over the part and the Morthern Ireland over the part and the Morthern Ireland over the part and the Morthern Ireland over the part and the par

It was the Government's aim to receive the most modern equipment available. A regiment with electronic warfare capability would be operational from July 1 and this was only the first step in a programme to improve electronic warfare capability which would be carried out as resources permitted.

The Government were determined to the Government of the Government were determined to the Government were determined to the Government were determined to the Government of the Government were determined to the Government of the Government of the Government were determined to the Government of the Government of the Government were determined to the Government of the Government o supplies of modern weapons and equipment.

Mr John Cronin (Loughborough, Lab) said devolution was a popular word. He wondered whether it would be possible to give the people of Northern Ireland more responsibility in maintaining order in their own province and decreas-ing the heavy burden on the Army. Mr John Mackintosh (Berwick and East Lothian, Lab) said there were worries from force levels in Europe. Britain was supposed to have 55,000 in BAOR but the force levels were considerably less than

that.

According to the plans set out by the Supreme Allied Command Britain was supposed in the event of an attack to deploy an army of 120,000 on her sector. If an attack took place reservists and the territorial army would be informed by post. Then they would have to report to their depot and collect their equipment. report to their depot and contect their equipment.

The bulk of the reservists would be flown to North Germany by chartered civilian aircraft. Heavy equipment would have to go by roll on-roll off ferry, both British Rall and Townsend Thoresen. Full mobilization would take eight doors.

days. His impression was that the Soviet block armies were on a ready to go basis. Mr Anthony Buck (Colchester, C) said a "Meet your Army" team touring the country and visiting schools, for instance, would help in pointing out to the public the dangers besetting the nation and ensuring that the case for defence

did not go by default.
Mr Gwilym Roberts (Cannock,
Lab) said there was a colossal
waste of money associated with
BAOR. It was intolerable that they
should have a simulion costing britain well over £500m on the balance of payments to keep British troops in Germany when Germany was moving forward economically and Britain was still facing economic difficulty.

Mr. Berick Maybers (Pourl True Mr Patrick Mayhew (Royal Tun-bridge Wells, C) said he hoped the

made.
Mr Marcus Lipton (Lambeth, Central, Lab) sold all the talk about a bloodbath in Northern Ireland if British troops had not been sent there was exaggerated. If the troops were withdrawn the people would soon have to sit round the table and settle their differences.
Mr David Walder (Chiheroe, C), for the Opposition, said the Government's argument was always ror the Opposition, said the Government's argument was always
deployed in the context of less
spending to the level of Britain's
alkies, amplying a sort of Dutch
auction, spiralling downwards with
each ally edging his neighbour
steadily down, Big Daddy in the
United States would always make up the rest.

up the rest.

The argument that only the tail and not the teeth were affected was not borne out. And even the toughest and most intrepid young man who measured up to the requirements of current advertisements about "The Professionals" needed to be fed, clothed and administered. If he was not he quickly became less battleworthy. Mr Robert Brown said that studies were under way on a rank to rewere under way on a tank to re-place the Chieftain in the late 1980s.
The maintenance of British

The maintenance of British forces in Germany involved British in substantial foreign exchange costs, with a corresponding benefit to the German economy. It was right that there should be some offsetting arrangement between this country and the Germans. The Government remained in rough this country and the Germans. The Government remained in touch with the Fedeval German Government and both sides were confident that in time a salisfactory solution would be reached.

There were no plans to reduce British forces in Germany in advance of an agreement on mutually balanced force reductions.

There was no evidence to suggest that deterrence was failing or that the Warsow Pact was contemplatthe Warsow Pact was contemplating aggression, although some attack could not be ruled out. The state of preparedness of the alliance was kept under continuous review to ensure that Noto could not be caught off its guard.

The debate was concluded.

House adjourned, 10.0 pm.

Deplorable if a nuclear curtain fell between US and Europe European Parliament Strasbourg Strasbourg The American decision on fast breeder reactors had the smell of Concorde and New York about the Concorde and New

to obtain 80 million more tonnes of crude oil from the world market

Producers of fuel elements in the

Community were especially affected by delays in delivery of highly enriched uranium from the United States. They would be experiencing serious supply difficulties in the summer and would be faced with employment problems. Research reactors would have to be shut down.

Article four of the non-prolifera-tion treaty says "all the parties to the treaty undertake to facilitate, and have the right to participate in, the fullest possible exchange of equipment, materials and scientific and technological information for the peaceful uses of nuclear energy".

Negotiations were in progress with Canada on an extension of the 1959 agreement

I cannot believe that our main I cannot believe that our main suppliers on the other side of the Adantic (he said) will withhold from us the fuel necessary for the development of nuclear energy especially as there are no differences of opinion between us and our partners on the need for nuclear energy. It would therefore be all the more deplorable if a nuclear cur-

breeder reactors had the smell of Concorde and New York about it, and the Commission should tell the

Asking whether the United States and Canada continued to supply the Community with adequate auclear fuel or whether they had discontinued deliveries, he had discontinued deliveries, he said that the Americans were por-traying themselves in this matter

If President Carter had had to American Government that their face an industry successful in decision was wrong, Mr Tam producing fast breeder reactors Dalyell (West Lothian, Lab) said in West Germany or Britain (he in a debate on nuclear energy. said) would he have taken the attiture he had struck? Not on

Herr Guido Brunner, Commis-sioner for Energy, said that in the oil crisis three years ago there was no disputing the need for nuclear energy as a source of power but as keights in shining armour on a more and more were question, while the truth was more squalid, if understandable, that they wasted to wrap up the position.

There would already be 8 per squalid, if understandable, that they wasted to wrap up the positive of the Community's total energy as a source or power our total nuclear actions in a power our station.

Shipments of Canadian uranium had been suspended. Supplies of American low-enriched uranium the Community's total energy were still coming but licences for

additional burden on the balance of payments would be at least \$5,000m and the Community was already \$9,600m in the red in 1976. Experience had shown that the nuclear industry was a safe one with not a single death attributable to a nuclear accident in a power

It would not help us (he said) to engage in a legal wrangle on whether Canada and the United States have breached agreements.
The question is primarily political

Ritherto Canada and the United

energy ". Regular consultations between the Commission and the United States Government would be resumed this week. He would press for a rapid solution to the prob-lents, as he had already done in Washington, a month ago.

There was a shortage of capacity in the Community for reprocessing irradiated fuel elements and the Commission was examining at European level the possibility of an expansion in that area.

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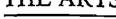
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The move in dates, from May to July, to avoid Brighton's busy Conference season, was, said Mr Hunter, "quite a traumatic operation". But it enabled them to draw on the enormous public which visited the country at that time.

Waiter Legge and two others by Jacqueline du Pré. This year's emphasis is chiefly based on an "under-25" theme, continuing the policy of encouraging young performers like Simon Rattle, Yo Yo Ma (cello) and Andras Schiff (plano).

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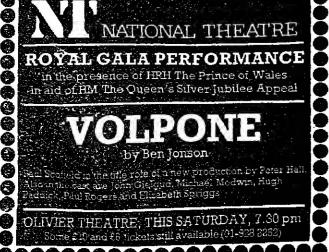
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first European master classes by Elisabeth Schwarzkopf and Elisabeth Schwarzkopf and Walter Legge and two others by

Stuttgart Opera

Patrons of Covent Garden may have inferred, since Der Frei-schütz, that Götz Friedrich's range as an opera producer is broader than his vision of The Ring might have suggested. Other productions of his that I bave seen (Figuro and Falstaff in Holland, Tannhäuser at Bay-reuth) made that clear. In all of them his social and moral (not to say political) concern played a dominant role, and once or twice I wondered how, as producer, he might illumi-nate an opera where moral issues are not involved but where charm and humour mean everything for example, a Fledermaus in which Eisenstein

So far I have not seen a Friedrich production that adopted such an attitude. Recently I stopped in Stuttgart (where Friedrich has also been working regularly) to see two of his productions, different actions and conversed. again in style, and contrasted, though quite characteristic of his work. There was the new Salome, with decors by Andreas Reinhardt, and the first revival of Friedrich's recent production of Parsifal. Both operas were conducted by Silvio Varido, the company's Silvio Varviso, the company's musical director. I did not care for his handling of Die Meistersinger at Bayreuth, even sub-sequently on records, but must recken him, after his conduct-ing of Parsifal, atmospherically as elusive as any Wagner opera, among the potentially great interpreters of Wagner. The

is plain to hear, sometimes too ministrative decision to put a p The Old Familiar third man into a two-man cell. Bulla and Dadda are longterm prisoners, as sick of each other's company as any old mar-ried couple; and the arrival of young Stanley on the third bunk their relationshi Heaving himself out of his accustomed role as an old tramp who litters up the place with his crusts and dirty socks,

From the prison plays that reach the outside world, it seems that life inside breeds several literary virtues that are won only with difficulty by law-abiding writers. I have never seen a narcissistic prison play, nor one that indulged in self-pity or revenge.

his crusts and dirty socks, Dadda tries to play the father to the guiseless newcomer; while Bulla fixes a hungry eye on him as a Grade A sex object. The play presents a prolonged mating game, with all the original quarrels sharped up for purposes, of display reaching its climax in a second act party where Bulla second act party where Bulla knocks his rival and his beloved Jim McNeil's piece shares the sensible with a bucketful of usual honesty of the genre, and home-made booze. What keeps the play con-tinuously alive are the characters' changing status games : Lloyd Lamble's Dadda sometriumphing

shows the amazing way in which craftsmanship develops in answer to an expressive need. At the time he wrote The Old Familiar Juice, as a recidivist seniority, Stanley (Jeremy Chance) through physical appeal, and Bob Hornery's Bulla through his powers of bitin an Australian jail, Mr McNeil allegedly had no contacts whatever with the theatre. But the ing mockery. Again, a tradi-tional relationship expectly refirst impression it makes is one of deft expertise, exactly gaugvitalized through moments such as one where Stanley wards the ing the limited number of things that can happen inside a pawing Bulla off with a smack prison cell so as always to leave on the jaw and then instantly something in reserve. retreats into nervously polite Besides which, the play shows subservience. Played inside a

how a basic dramatic pattern rectangular scaffolding. Tom can emerge from the pursuit Rothfield's production is less of actuality: in this case, a audible than it might be at such closed institution variant of the close range; but that is not the eternal triangle, demonstrating, only reason for wanting to hear the personal results of an ad- more of Mr McNeil's work.

Aeolian Quartet

St John's/Radio 3

Joan Chissell

Monday's midday

broadcast from St John's, Smith

Square, once again reminded us that Shostakovich is com-

poser-of-honour this season,

iso that either from here or

Pebble Mill listeners can bear all 15 of his string quartets. On this occasion the Aeolian String Quartet's offering was No 12, first played in Moscow in 1968,

when Shostakovich was already

62, and introduced to England

only two years later in the self-same invaluable series from St

Shostakovich (like Russia itself) was a latecomer to the string quartet medium, and only

gradually grew to use it in the late Beethoven way of a perso-nal confession. No 12, dedicated

to the leader of Russia's illus-

trious Beethoven Quartet, is said to conceal some tale of good overcoming evil, though for those more interested in reading on the lines than be-

tween them, the greater interest

is probably the composer's toy-

ing with something that at first, but not for long, looks like the 12-tone technique. The Aeolian

team played the work respect-fully, but not with anything to suggest that special attunement to Shostakovich's wavelength that nowadays we have come to expect from the Fitzwilliam Quartet, both live and on disc. The restrained first movement was acceptable. But the conflicts of the second could have been far more strongly under-

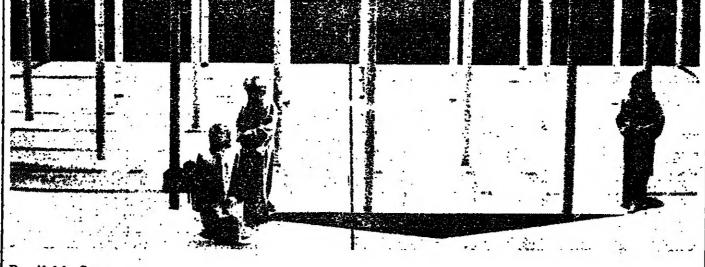
lined by dynamic contrast.

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Haydn, sharing the pro-gramme, was a year or two older than Shostakovich when giving the world his Op 76 No 1 in G major. The finale's totally unexpected G minor clouds not really dispersed by those last few bars of tonic major sunshine, might provoke many a bindsighted sociologist into far more disturbing readings-between-the-lines than any-thing in Shostakovich's No 12. Haydn himself, however, would probably only have wished for slightly stronger musical characterization throughout the work from the otherwise con-scientious Aeolians, partly through keener attention to dynamic contrast, but also through a more meticulous observance of all those tiny dots and dashes that can make a world of difference to the meaning of a phrase. If chapter and verse is required, then bars 174 to 193 in the first move-

Some of the notices on this page are reprinted from yesterday's later editions.

ment will do.



Parsifal in Stuttgart

Götz Friedrich's wider range

Salome/Parsifal

William Mann

and Falke were on no account to be turned into villains.

Stuttgart Opera's orchestra is fallible but fine and capable of real eloquence; its enthusiasm

Juice

Round House

pity or revenge.

plain in the brass section.
The first productions of Strauss's Salome that I saw, in Vienna, Munich and London, were staged on a flat, open floor with architecture and the moon behind. The current productions at Covent Garden the Coliseum conversely opt for an arena-style set, with several levels and rumparts at the back, entrances below as if for wild beasts. The Stuttgart production follows this trend: much of it closely recalls the one by Joachim Herz for the English National Opera

Our productions in London ore heavier in character. Fried-rich fills the stage with people and, like Herz, brings on Jochanaan's disciples, though behind a grille, to hear his prophecies, but the total effect is much easier and cleaner, geared very closely to Strauss's musical textures: the crowds disappear when the music thins

One can say that Friedrich has given prominence to the subsidiary inhabitants of Herod's court. It is not a political prominence. The main naracters emerge as clearly as could be wished, even if not as expected.

Herod and Herodias, stiff and conventional as they are, suggest characters from a Japanese Nob play, she a skid-lidded buttle-axe, he a Charles Laugh-ton Claudius with marble eyes and a wrestler's gait. Narraboth gestures slowly and in Japanese Noh style, as do others, for dreamlike effect. Classical plustik, unnatural, formal ges-tures are often used, as if to make the drama more artificial, the connexions with today more tenuous.

Then arrives Salome, the American soprano Karan Armstrong. She is lanky, pretty in a 1920s style with her glistening shower-cap, an accomplished

is clean and accurate, small and carefully nurtured, rich and eloquent in the closing scene (superbly done by Varviso) though some questionable intonation and overgenerous vibrato could, towards the end, be remarked and almost con-doned. Instead of the omni-present moon Mr Reinhardt gives Stuttgart white and woolly clouds which come and go and finally, when Herod orders the soldiers to "kill that woman", descend on the courtyard, leav-ing the calculioners baulked of their victim: Friedrich contends that Heaven cannot morally permit Salome to be put down by a tyrant far more immoral than herself. Joschim Herz came to the same conclusion and killed Salome with a heart-arreduction of least his production. artack; at least his production showed the moon, really the dominating character in the drama-to forgo it is surely cryerse. I enjoyed Wolfgang Probst's fluent-voiced, restless Jochangan and Jaroslav Kachel's

drooling Herod; it was a pleasure to renew acquaintance with Grace Hoffman's Herodias, as striking as ever. Friedrich's production of Parsifal in Stuttgart might surprise English operagoers by its excontroversial style: no axes are ground, the drama is straightforwardly and appre-ciatively unfolded. There are some surprises. The curtain rises before each act begins because, so Friedrich maintains, in each case the hero's arrival is being awaited: but the pre-

made to portray Gurnemanz in the forest rather than Wag-ner's theme of the Grail and its knightly servants. In the first temple scene Amfortas is unconvectionally placed in front of the communion table, not behind it on a throne : this allows him to use

dancer, a handsome stripper the empty space at the front of down to the G string. Her voice the stage, and to stress his the stage, and to stress his physical infirmity more visually. The now all-too-fashionable reflecting mirror on stage quite offectively allows spectators for once to see Titurel on his death-bed below the stage. The most striking moment in

the production is at the begin-ning of the final scene, not a funeral procession but already its outcome, two groups of knights separately disposed en tableau round Titurel's coffin, stormy and pugnacious in mood as the music suggests. Friedrich is fortunate in having young Peter Hofmann as his Parsiful, ringing and touching, highly musical of voice and unusually slim and boyish in appearance with his long, tousled mane of yellow hair, a convincing reiner. Friedrich, in his production-

notes, pays much attention to Kundry. In the first act she wears a fantastic costume, supposedly animal-like with a multitude of limbs that suggest a squid or else a court jester : in the magic garden she looks nude (the body-stocking is obvious) with a long clock halfwrapped around her, having appeared inside a pair of gigantic plok curtains suggestive of Irhia.

The interpretation was devised for Eva Randova, Europe's reigning Kundry. On Palm Sunday Miss Randova was pronounced unfit to sing because of a greatly inflamed throat. Parsifal was being performed on the day of the state of formed on that day by many German opera houses, but not at Mannheim which released Regine Fonseca for the emergency. Like a doughty trooper she dived into Friedrich's exacting production and still managed to sing acceptably. Inevitably some details of production misfired, not only concerning her and too many to be worth recounting.

What Love tells me Coliseum

John Percival Maurice Béjart's ballet to the reborn.

Mahler's third symphony takes its name and its main content from the title the composer gave the crowning final movement, What Love tells me. As the swelling adagio melody is repeated, the protagonist is joined, one at a time, by 12 other dancers in a hymn of love, slow orchestration of gentle embraces, yearning arms, held hands and linked eyes. Those 12 are dressed, for that

the very beginning and end of the ballet they are seen in-sumptuous robes and crowns, as if to suggest love's emobling effect on man. Most of the first section, Mahler's fourth movement ("What Man tells me"), is given over a dust for love. is given over to a duet for Jorge Donn and a newcomer to London, Luciana Savignano, a slender Italian ballerina from La Scala, endowed with elegant poise and incisive line.

The angels of Mahler's fifth

of this exceptionally gifted dancer. One of the end to bring joy after the agitation of the music's climax; a beautiful symbol of hope

throughout has never looked better; the almost painful sincerity of Bejart's choreography has in him its ideal interpreter. But the whole company dances it with dedication, and the musical performance was good 100, with Andre Presser conducting the New Symphony Orchestra, the London Chorale, the South-end Boys' Choir, and Helen-Artifield as the soloist.

The programme began with Bejart's modern-dress version of The Firebird, in which Yvan Marko gave an impassioned account of the title role; presented as the leader of a group of partisans. Between that and the Mahler, the belated London premiere of Symphonic pour un homme seul looked something of a

period piece.

When created 22 years ago, its use of musique concrete and Bejart's choreographic mixture of comic, naturalistic, dramatic movement are shown as a group of children, their dances freely adapted from street games. The bright innocence of the choreography there is reflected in a change of mood for Donn from serious to playful, revealing a light, gay allegro style which was for me an unsuspected of comic, naturalistic, dramatic and acrobatic elements must have been stunningly revolution; everyone spoke a bit too then bang up to date now dates though it asking about a tennis and acrobatic elements must have been stunningly revolution; everyone spoke a bit too then bang up to date now dates the bang up to date now dates to the bang up to date now dates to brittly, movements were a touch gives an easy charm to Béjarr's old role, a cartoon-strip hero serious to playful, revealing a old role, a cartoon-strip hero was for me an unsuspected of say.

More than anything else one of devote six 50-minute episodes to fare like Monday's, it is difficult to take BBC2 drama seriously these days.

Television

A Romany Summer

Yorkshire

Michael Church Taken out of context, almost any single clip from Barry Cockroft's film A Romany Summer might serve to confirm one of our two stock images of gyp-sizs—public nuisances, or pre-cious anthropological relics.

Taken as a whole, however, this film set off quite different reverberations. Picturesque the chosen family certainly were: their raged procession streamed through sleepy suburbs and along leafy lones with a kind of rams tackle magnificence. Private?—Yes, that too: the TV Times told us just how closely Mr Cockroft came to suffering violent retribution for his invasion of their acitly demarcated territory. Prond? Yes—but prouder of their horses than of their own persons.

For the world of Sir Monta-gue Smith, alias Cocker, and his clan could not have been fur-ther removed from the world inhabited by their Andalosian cousins. The nobility, the disci-pline, the passion which pro-duced flamenco music seemed by this account to have no parallel in the secret by-ways of Yorkshire, Dancing at Appleby Horse Fair meant a beel-and-toe shuffle.

Cocker is a handsome man even hand me downs look good on him. But what a scruffy, aggressively unkempt bunch his family looked, what an unneces-sarily rickety mess their cara-vans were—Fagin's den trans-

Miss Jones and Son Thames

Alan Coren

Odd that the BBC should have chosen to meet what some mis-informed spy must have told them was the challenge of Miss Jones and Son with a re-run of Monty Python. The traditional method in the madness of channel-competition has surely been to seduce viewers by offering them something completely similar; but on Monday, here was independent television throwing yet another biggie into its spring offensive on-ratings, and all the BBC fronted up was a platoon of comic suipers who could not have accounted for a single snatched spectator.

For the Miss Jones viewer and the Puthon viewer are the twin poles of comedy audience: who watches the one will never watch the other. With Miss Jones and Son, whose title says it all, we decelerate back through the Python barrier to comic speeds so subsonic as to be imperceptible: to leaden plotting with a leery nudge plotting with a leery nudge potties, and burps. I would end towards permissiveness so up with a joke about abortions, if sure of itself as to make the I didn't know better.

ported to the countryside. Comported to the countryside. Compulsively and compulsorily nomadic, they geared all their activities—breeding horses, selling scrap, manufacturing clothes pegs with defit economy—to making money, just like the rest of us. There was therefore a real mystery here, which the film systematically deepened. What did those people live for? Cocker's reply, to the inter-

viewer's necessarily banal ques-tion, was a bald description of his principal activities. But what did be need? He replied in a riddle. He and society had

in a riddle. He and society had written each other off. Accepting welfare state benefits would be "selling" his (illiterate) children. Anything he wanted he would go our and get.

Marketing his carefully trained horses was his lifeblood, yer he could not count, and at this year's fair he came a financial cropper and de-clared, in the heat of the moment, that he was going to sell up and buy a trailer and lorry. When the chips were down, Cocker did not seem too convinced about the value of it all. But this was a momentary

lapse: he was soon buying horses again. This was a curiously distrir-blog film. Always allowing for the possibility that Cocker and his clan were presenting the comeras with a deliberately disforred picture, I got the distinct feeling that I was watching the degraded descendants of a once-proud tradition, beinlessly caught in the grip of an hereditary obsession, and prevented from seeing reality by a forest of taboos.

thing seem more dated than ever, to stereotyped character-izations, to flat two shor direction that falls to pieces as soon as it has to handle more than three people standing in a static row, and, worst of all, to the squandering of a light-comedy acting telept as bright and en-

gaging as Paula Wilcox's. In this opening episode, every bet was hedged as Paula became a one-parent family: scriptwriter Waring, clearly un-certain as to how far bastardry was funny, opted for mawkish cop-outs more often than he went for laughs. The unmarried mum now joins the black of The Fosters, the Jew of Alex-ander the Great, and the homosexual of almost everything as the latest warm and lovable minority through and about whom it is allowable to make some 4 per cent of the jokes that everyone has already made privately, and some 6 per cent of the jokes that are funny and

worth making.

With cowardice so much above and beyond the call of duty, the thing was bound to fall back into just another domestic sit-com about young people, mums, dads, neighbours,

Don't Forget to Write BBC 2

Stanley Reynolds

There was something grueabout the first episode of Charles Wood's six-part comedy on the life and not so hard times of an English playwright. It was not the situation, al-though that was familiar enough. Here was George Cole as the writer with the mental block who has been given a film script to write and desperately needs to get the job done he-cause he needs the money. His wife, played by Gwen Watford, listened to the sound of his typewriter and demanded a hushed reverence throughout the house

because father was finally work-

ing. All regular television viewers have seen enough light comedy about the problems of writers to know the situation. What struck a more deeply familiar tone was the atmosphere of the French window which seemed to pervade the play. There was no French window and therefore no one came through it asking about a tennis

hack knocking out yet another script of yet another film which would never be made, but the never-never worksday world of the upper middle class.

There were a few jokes about men stuck in jobs they no longer wished to do. And the hero also had a very good, slightly dark, joke about an anti-Vietnam play he was once writing whose director got anguished because he feared the war might end before the exceptions this was very oldfashioned drawing room comedy about people with no real problems at all. They merely possessed mannerisms.

One did not see characters in action but only Mr Cole, Miss Watford, and the others going through a set of routine gestures. Perhaps the further five episodes of Don't Forget to Write will get better, and yet the situation and the style seem so firmly set on Monday that it is difficult to see any room for improvement. The problem with Mr Cole's character is that he has nothing to write about because he does not take life seriously. Mr Wood may also be in the same boat.

A packet of Gauloises filter please. Er, Gauloises. Gorlwaaaaze? Deeeesker Bluuuur?

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While Liverpool are occupied with the European and FA Chailenge Cups, Manchester City took the chance to draw level with them at the top of the table by beating Birmingham City at Maine Road last night. A superior goal difference keeps Liverpool on top and, despite long passages of exciting stracking play, City had to suffer moments of frustration against Birmingham's smothering defence. At the end, City irrited the crowd by their possession pion, but they retained the points and proved themselves to be worthy challengers in the last lap of the season. Kidd scored both the goals and has been an excellent investment for City, the more vital at the moment in the absence through injury of Royle.

through injury of Royle. The dominant performances, though, were in midfield, where the craft of Hartford is augmented by Owen's power and the burgeoning

Birmingham were unimpressed by City's opening flurry of first time passing and surprisingly went ahead after seven minutes, Burns siring the ball in after Corrigan had allowed Francis's shot to squirm away from him. Corrigan never had the chance to prove that this was out of character, for he did not have a serious shot to save throughout the rest of the

save throughout the rest of the match. Burns was soon being given the chance to demonstrate his versatility as, after an uncertain phase, City began to pour forward. Frequently Birmingham pulled 10 men back and Burns, equally adept as a central defender, was of great value to

material

By Gerald Richmond

to be

Football Liverpool to reap full

advantage at

Anfield

For the last time in this season's European Cup, Liverpool touight (7.30) play at Antield, If, as seems certain, they increase the 3—1 lead over Zurich obtained in Switzerland, they will go on to become the fourth British club play in the first which this season. play in the final which this scason is to be on May 25 in Rome.
where no team from England can
expect much local support in a
year of World Cup competition tween the countries.

Arfield's powerful atmosphere has been a striking advantage for Liverpool this season, and in both the European and FA Cup its full advantage has been resped thanks sequence of favourable draws. the approach to this week's semi-final rounds, their four cup ties were all at home, apart from a replay at Crystal Palace, and three of their four European ties brought Continental sides to An-field in the second legs. Bob brought Continental sides to Ad-field in the second legs. Bob Paisley, the manager, was so keen to capture the last whiff of this favourable wind that he refused to believe that Zurich were not to be plucked in Switzerland, pre-ferring to order caution until "we get them home". Nevertheless. Neal (2) and Heighway could not refuse three goals in one of the team's most comfortable matches of the season in any competition. team's most comfortable matches of the season in any competition. The draw has tavoured Liverpool with an easier remultimate fence than their British predecessors faced, and, indeed, than there own last attempt at this stage 12 years ago when they met Internazionale Milan. Then they won 3—1 at Anfield but in the return lost 3—0 to the whirling play of Mazzola, Corso and Suarez, and to some equally mystifying refereeing. Leeds United, the most recent British finalists, heat Barcelona two seasons ago; Celtic had to face Dukla Prague before they became the first British club to win the trophy in 1967, and they beat Leeds in 1970 before losing to Feyencord; and Manchester beat Leeds in 1970 before losing to Feyencord; and Manchester United's path to their victory of 1968 was crossed by Real Madrid. Zurich showed in Switzerland that they fall below the standards of the past, but Liverpool can claim to have met worthy opposition earlier when they best last searon's runners up. St Etienne, in the quarter-final round.

Liverpool's occupation with three competitions possibly

Liverpool's occupation with three competitions possibly entitles them to some helping fortune. The European Cup final comes only four days after the FA Cup final—a combined test to offset the suggestion that neither of the prospective opponents in Rome, Dinamo Kiev or Borussia Mönchen Gladbach, compares with the Bayern Munich team of the recent past, Alax of the early seventies or Real Madrid of the fifties. Liverpool themselves would sevenues or Keel Madrid of the fifties. Liverpool themselves would be conspicuously out of place in that gallery but no more dogselly determined team has represented the Lesgue abroad.

Zurich, who have never won a

Zurich, who have hever won a European trophy, revealed their fundamental weatnesses early in the first leg of the semi-final when they scored from a penalty but made nothing of their encouragement. They were without their leading striker, Cucinotta, and Tommy Smith gave their most lively forward Botteron, an unconfortable time in softe of a miss-math in sprinting ability. miss-match in sprinting ability.
One of the few conceivable difficulties for Liverpool tonight could
be brought about by Smith's
refusal to accept that Continental
referees are easily persuaded that
the typical British tackle by a
recovering defender is illegiti-

Toshack and Callaghan missing from their team, but Fairclough, who was also unavailable against Arsenal last Saturday because of injury, yesterday passed a fitness

teams whose fortunes are in total

Squash rackets

Britain

(Lancashire).

Leslie captains

in world event

Jonathan Leslie (Buckingham-shire) and Ian Robinson (York-

shire) have retained their places

in the Ericish team for the sixth

world amateur squash rackets championships in Canada in

September. Leslie will captain the

side. Philip Ayton (Sussex) and

Glamorgan's Stuart Courtney have been replaced by John Richard-

son (Surrey) and Philip Kenyon.

It will be the 20-year-old

Kenyon's first representative honour for Great Britain. He is

the youngest of the four-man team



Peter Eastoe flat out for Rangers' fourth goal, from a Kelly chip.

United interest ceases after 25 sec

Football Correspondent

Manchester Utd 0 Silm but lingering doubts about Queen's Park Rangers team to fend off relegation only a year after they had nearly won the championship, were eased at Loftus Road last night. Their victory over the Manchester United side obviously more concerned about Saturday's FA Cup semi-final, was founded on a goal in the 25th second and the strolling elegance of Francis, who had recovered from a hamstring injury in time for only his minth game of the season.

Even considering the indifference of United, Rangers played well. They approached past form during the early part of the game and consolidated in the middle stages. They finished commandingly, though United allowed them to do so.

Their goal, almost from the kick-off, projected Rangers into their best, confident style. They had not enjoyed such pleasing freedom of expression for several months, and it was a pity that a recurring injury to their full back. Clement, forced some incitcal changes before the revival had fully evolved. Clement left this strangely times game after 16 minutes, and Francis, sometimes looking as if expecting his hamstring to tighten again, had to shandon a forward position to

Francie's appearance was as important to Rangers's composure and vision as Buchan's absence from the United defence was weakening. To concede a goal so early was obviously alarming to the United guard. The erosion continued and was made worse when Brian Greenhoff was mable to play in the second half.

Inable to play in the second half.

The early goel was well taken; indeed, they all were. United had hurriedly cleared the first attack of the game when Hollins drove the ball back at them. Masson, on the right side, turned it into the penalty area, as Stepney came out, but Givens easily pushed the ball around him. Well before more goals came to punish them for their defensive uncertainty, United seemed ready to concede the game, although Jimmy Greenhoff and Houston were reluctant to do without some bitterness for which they had their names taken. Rangers were only two goals which they had their names taken. Rangers were only two goals ahead by half time, but there could have been at least two more in: their bank and the margin of their easy superiority would have justified a considerably larger score. Kelly lashed in the second, volleying from 20 yards for his first goal as a Rangers player. Eastoe, eagerly snapping at the through passes from Francis, had a header cleared off the line by Albiston, who did the same from Webb. These were United's more successful moments on a night when virtually none of

At their worst, they lett gaps in cinemascope proportions 2nd shortly after half-time Francis nearly volleyed in from an unmarked position. But United were reprieved by an offside decision. After 50 minutes, though, Abbott, inside his own half, glanced shead and saw both space between United's committed defender, and Easton gathering speed to pass them.

Eastoe drew the ball to him and continued unopposed until Stepney approached, but could make nothing more than a gesture at the shot for Rangers's third.

Coolly, Rangers took full advantage of this jaded United performance, and Eastoe, particularly, enjoyed the opportunities. He muffed one shot from inside the goal area when the ball bounced off Stepney's chest, but on the hour he dived to head in the fourth from Kelly's spleadid chip into the penalty area.

More through boredom than poor anticipation Parkes, in the silect Rangers goal, took off late to deflect a token late shot from Forsyth up and under the crossbar. The ball rebounded back but United did not have the determined the follows we the United did not have the deter-mination to follow up.

MINAGON TO TOLLOW UP.
QUEEN'S PARK RANGERS: P.
Parker: D. Carnent (sub R. Abbott).
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D. Webb, P. Eastor G. Francis, D.
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MANCHESTER UNITED: A. Stepney:
J. Nicht il. A. Abbston, S. McLinoy, S.
Greenoff sub, A. Forsyth). S.
Roustos. S. Coppell. J. Greenhoft, S.
Pearson, L. Macari, D. McCrosty.
Referee: J. Hunting (Lacester).

Everton collect both points and no scars

Everton 3 Norwich 1
Gathering a brace of points without overtaxing themselves or collecting scars was doubtlessly uppermost in Everton's mind four days before the semi-final round of the FA Cup. A secure foothold in the championship is, after all, their declared and understandable priority, and for half the course at Goodison Park last night it seemed that Norwich City were hardly likely to disrupt their plans.

plans.

An early goal was precisely the platform Everton needed on which to arrange their game; having got it in 12 minutes as McNaught salled in high to head in a corner kick by Goodiss, they kept Norwich at arm's length up to half-time, often by crossfield and backward movement, so that even their own disciples became impatient.

The march was lifted out of its lethargy, though, as Norwich, lethargy, though, as Norwich, spurred by Suggett's busy determination, found that when Everton's defence was put to the test, it wavered. Davies was acrambling the ball away from the foot of the post at the beginning of the second half and within 10 minutes Norwich were noticeably in the match for the first time,

with the slid of a straying back pass from Lyons. The ball rolled wide to the right of goel, over came a centre and Reeves headed towards an apparently unguarded goal; sourehow Robinson managed to get in the way, but it was only a momentary reprieve, for Steele was handily placed to bundle the ball over the line.

It was but a brief recovery by the East Anglians. Away went Everton, McKenzie made a meal of sprawling as Ryan broshed against him, without apparent makice, and the referee pointed to the penalty spot. It seemed justice was about to be done as Keelan went down to parry King's kick, but before he could recompose himself, King had nipped in to tuck away the rebound and restore Everton's advantage.

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Though Pejic and Rioch established an understanding which allowed some constructive exchanges from one flank to the changes from one flank to the other, Everton's defence now had flaws exposed. In one dreadful tangle, Joues and Robinson collided near the edge of the box; they left Reeves an isolated figure with yards of room in which to take aim. The angle was a fine one, it is true, but he should have done better than hit

Ferguson keeps

right and Ferguson scored with a firm header. Sealey, the home goalkeeper, brought off a brilliant save from a flerce shot by Martin.

Peter Bonetts earned Chelses another vital point in their chal-

Oldbam 0

Coventry

hopes alive

pounce. McKenzie McKenzie and Pearson were challenging for what will probabily be a single vacancy in Everton's send-final line-up on Saturday. McKenzie scarcely improved his prospects with an often indifferent contribution; Pearson for his part put in some determined effort, scored Everton's third goal six minutes from the end as he held off two challenges and might have claimed another just before the end, but for another example of alertness by Keelan, who had already saved king.

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Scottish first division

First division

Fourth division

always seems worthy of a better setting, was left to carry on a lonely and hopeless battle with Watson and Booth. Watson and Booth.

Birmingham, of course, made it hard for City by crowding their penalty area and decying space and time elithough Hartford split Birmingham wide open with a superb pass from which Tueart had a shot saved. Finally, Ridd scored his second goal with 20 minutes left. One of City's end-less series of attacks was halted and Clements volleyed the ball perfectly to send the defenders scurrying back. Kidd at the far post, headed down sharply and the ball bounced clear of Montgomery, Kidd was close to a third when he turned on Hartford's pass but the overworked Montgomery pulled off one of his many good saves. Birmingham had no reply and, although they are clear of their usual fight against relegation, they seldon do anything to suggest that there are more prosperous days shead.

So Everton can embark on their semi-final with neighbours Liver-pool with anxieties of relegation almost erased, though they will

Asif digs in after lean spell before lunch

Kingston, Jamaica, April 19.—
Pakistan, set 442 runs for victory in the decisive fifth Test match, reeled before the West Indian speed attack here today and lost three second-innings wickets for 32 runs by lunch on the fourth day.

Asif Iqual steadied them and they were 169 for five at tea.

The day began well for the touring team as Intran-Khan and Sarfraz Nawaz ripped through the last four West Indies wickets at a cost of only 34 runs. West Indies were all out for 359 in their second innings. Then Colin Croft sent Majid Khan and Zaheer Abbas back to the pavilion with only nine runs on the board.

Sadiq Mohammad was caught off the last bell before lunch to bring Croft's tally in the series to 33 wickets, equal to the West Indian record set 27 years ago by Alf Valentine. Earlier the West Indian record set 27 years ago by Alf Valentines. Earlier the West Indian record set 27 years ago by Alf Valentines. Earlier the West Indian record set 27 years ago by Alf Valentines. Earlier the West Indian record set 27 years ago by Alf Valentines. Earlier the West Indian record set 27 years ago by Alf Valentines. Earlier the West Indian record set 27 years ago by Alf Valentines. Earlier the West Indian record set 27 years ago by Alf Valentines. Earlier the West Indian record set 27 years ago by Alf Valentines. Earlier the West Indian record set 27 years ago by Alf Valentines. Earlier the West Indian record set 27 years ago by Alf Valentines. Earlier the West Indian record set 27 years ago by Alf Valentines. Earlier the West Indian record set 27 years ago by Alf Valentines. Earlier the West Indian record set 27 years ago by Alf Valentines. Earlier the West Indian record set 27 years ago by Alf Valentines. Earlier the West Indian record set 27 years ago by Alf Valentines. Earlier the West Indian record set 27 years ago by Alf Valentines. Earlier the West Indian record set 27 years ago by Alf Valentines. Earlier the West Indian record set 27 years ago by Alf Valentines. Earlier the West Indian record set 27 years ago by Alf Val

whites any vasual vasua Saturday, has taken 101 wickets in Test cricket. First to go was Deryck Murray after adding one run to his overnight 32. He was caught behind off Imran. David Holford then hit Sarfraz for two consecutive fours, but the mustachioed fast bowler had Holford caught behind off the next ball for 37.

Andy Roberts was caught behind off Sarfraz and Joel Garner at short leg off Imran to end the imings. It took Crit only 45 minutes to get among the wickets again. Majid attempted a cut and put up a catch to Roy Fredericks at point.

Vivian Richards caught Zaheer Abbas for nought at the second attempt when Pakistan had made

Boxing

when City drew level after 28 minutes, it was with a memorable goal which rolled the years back to the time when wing forwards refgued supreme. Barnes set off on one of his swaying, high stepping runs, bearing Calderwood on the inside, beating him again on the outside and durashing across a low centre from the line.

Kidd was there to meet it with a low centre from the line.

Kidd was there to meet it with the side of his foot and score the 100th league goal of his career. That was the signal for City to move into their more powerful form. Their attacking, organized from the middle of the field by Hartford, became evermore insistent as they maintained a frightening pace. Owen even managed to hustle the experienced Kendail out of his customary composure and, during the second half, Birmingham abandoned all pretensions to attack. Francis who siways seems worthy of a better bout today

Golf

BOWLING: Imran Khan. 272 3-78—2; Sartraz Nawa, 27—6—93-Mushtaq Mohammad, 11—3—38-365—3; Wasi

PAKISTAR: Pirst lunings 198 Rashid 72; C. Croft 4 for 49)

Total (5 wkts)

Today's cricket LORD'S: MOC 7 Mindlesex (11.0 to

MCC team given a special identity

By John Woodcock
Cricket Correspondent
Under the direction of an old
soldier, Norman Gifford, a young
MCC side open the first-class
cricket season at Lord's today with
a three-day match against Middlesex, last year's county champions.
For those who like to see the
first ball of a new season bowled
the game starts at 11 o'clock.
Of the MCC team the first eight
in the batting order will be 27 or
under; This gives them a special
identity and us a special interest,
Athey and Gower are generally
believed to be the two most promising batsmen of their age in mising batsmen of their age in England ("he's like a left-handed Barry Richards", one of the Lef-cestershire side, said to me, not long ago, about Gower). Barrlay iong ago, about Gower). Barrlay is an improving all-rounder (" the best close catcher in the country", is Tony Greig's opinion) and Willey is one of the finest strikers of the bull there is, They could make the England side for the first Test match is June.

The last time Middlesex took the field as country champilous in

sign for

With one day to go before time runs out for John Conteh to sign the contract for the defence of his world light heavyweigt title, it seems likely that the conxest will take place in Monte Carlo. Jack Solomns, the London promoter who was prepared in stage the championship at the Lakeside Country Club in Surrey on May 21, pulled our yesterday.

Mr Solomons, who had a further meeting with the British Boxing Board of Control yesterday, said afterwords: "In view of the fact that there seems to be uncertainty as to who holds the contract for the best purse offer, I have decided to wash my hands of the whole affair. Combh wanted the fight here and I would willingly have put it on, but I am no longer preserved to do."

winde antar. Comen wanted the fight here and I would willingly have put it on, but I am no longer prepared to do so."

Up to noon yesterday, there was no indication that. Comen had signed for the contest and it seems that he has to do so or be stripped of his title by the world Boxing Council.

The contract, according to official sources, is held by Top Rank Incorporated, the American television company, and the Monaco Sporting Club. Conteh, who has insisted all along that he should not be forced to box outside Britain, has so far refused to sign it. The WBC have given him until today to do so.

For the past week Mr Solomons has made strong efforts to clear the way for the bout to be staged in Britain by him on behalf of in Britain by him on behalf of the contract holders but, accord-ing to his statement yesterday, he has given up his intention of doing

Conteh must New style of administration could come into force By Cliff Temple

Athletics Correspondent

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The fusive style of administration of British athletics could come a step nearer its possible new shape today when members of the working party set up by the British Amateur Athletic Board to consider the way ahead convey their recommendations to representatives of the board's eight constituent associations.

The working party came into being as a result of the election last October of the board's honorary secretary. Arthur Gold—to the position of president of the European Athletic Association. At the moment he is experiencing the busiest eight months of my with the move of his own north London motor business to new premises and he is adamant that whatever happens to the working party recommendations, he is retiring as the board's secretary at their annual meeting on June 19.

The position of board secretary at their annual meeting on June 19.

their annual meeting on June 18.

The position of board secretary has grown considerably more onerous and time-consuming over the 13 years in which Mr Gold has held the office and there have been calls for a professional administration and other changes in the aport's hierarchy for some time. time.
Today representatives of the men's and women's associations of England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland will learn exactly

what the working party recom-mends and they then have until port or oppose the propositions. On that day the full council of the bosed meets in London, and it could accept the establishment of

with its own proposals or simply leave everything as it is. There will then be a formight for office nominations to be made before the constitutional closing date, 35 days before the annual meeting. reached was that the third Euro-pean team to compete in the inaug-ural World Cup comest at Dussel-dorf in September (the first two nations in the European Cup will qualify automatically) will be known diplomatically as "the European select" side.

European select "side.

It will be chosen in Helsinki on August 15, directly after the European Cup final, and be largely based on performances in all rounds of the cup. This, explained Mr. Gold yesterday, will give athletes like the Olympic 10,000 metres silver medal winner, Carlos Lopes, of Portugal, the chance for consideration even though their countries were unlikely to progress to the cup final itself.

Additionally a number of specific events around Europe would be taken into account, and it was likely that the 800 metres and 5,000 metres at the AAA championships in July would have specially invited overseas participants for this reason. Sites were also agreed at the weekend for two important events in 1979. The European indoor championships that year will be held in Vienna, and the European junior championeries at Bydgoszcz in Poland.
Britain's international match
against Finland in July will not
now take place in Helanki, but
in Oulu.

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Rugby Union

tour comes

to Aylesbury

Sydney's world

Christopher Sharpe, the Sheffield flanker, will lead the Buckinghamshire side against the unbeaten Sydney team at Weston Turville, near Aylesbury, tonight (6.15).

Sydney, who are on a world tour, have already won matches in Japan and Vancouver and at the weekend defeated Devon, 41—3. They have yet to concede a try.

Yesterday's football results Gallacher starts among the favourites again

Madrid, April 19.—Bernard Gallacher, the in-form Scottish golfer, sets out at the Club del Campo here tomorrow to become the third foreigner since 1968 to win the Madrid Open.

Gallacher finished two strokes ahead of Francisco Abreu to win the Sranish Open at La Manga last Saruxday and he took sixth place in the Portuguese Open a week earlier.

Gallacher will start among the favourites again, as will Abreu, who won the Madrid title with a record 13-under-par score here a year ago at the Puerta de Hierro

year ago at the Puerta de Hierro club.

The foreigners who have taken the title since 1968 are Ireland's Jimmy Kinsella in 1972 and Bob Shearer, of Australia, two years ago when bad weather reduced the

Ballesteros can play Severiano Ballesteros, the brit-iant 20-year-old Spanisrd, has them piven special leave from his realeral service in the Spaulsh Air Force to play in the Univoyal international golf channionship at Moor Park from June 22 to 25.

Several British Ryder Cup internationals are missing the event, but backing up Gallacher will be Ireland's Christy O'Comor junior and semor, and John O'Leary.

Other entries include the South African, Hugh Balocchi, the Scandinavian Open champion and runger-up in the Portuguese Open, Australia's Ian Stanley and the New Zealand Open champion, Simon Owen. The Continental challenge will be led by the Italian Open champion, Baldo Dassu, Belgium's Philippe Toussaint and France's Patrick Coron.

The hilly parkland course on the outsidres of the Spanish capital is a par 72 (36, 36) and measures 7,133 yards (3,643 yards out, 3,490 in).—Reuter.

Show jumping

in) .- Reuter. Graham will compete David Gracam, Australia's 30-year-old world match-play champain, has accepted an invitation to compete in the new Callers of Newcestle 525,000 open gulf tournement at Whitley Bay from July 28 to 31.

At—3. They have yet to conceds

a try.

The Australians play Cardiff,
next Saturday, and Edinburgh
before flying to Moscow for further games.

Buckinghamsbire team:
Whitelock (High Wycombe); F.
Rowland (Marlow), I. Samwelli
(Cheltenham), P. Smith (Esher);
R. Wicks (Stroud), P. Philip (Ridman); M. Lovett (London Scoretish), D. Gatherer (RAF), G.
Fearce (Aylesburyl, D. Jackson
(Skelford), C. Sharpe (Sheffield
Capt). Rough play denied Pontypool have rejected allege

Today's fixtures

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(7.15): Liver was Price and Part of the Control of

from of rough play by Swames and last night called on the Welst Rugby Union to ser up an inquiry. At a special meeting to discuss the Swamesa decision to cancel further firtures between the clubs. Pont-pool officials voted ununimously to reject the claims.

Kick off 7.20 unless stated

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Wolves take a tumble as Carlisle find their feet By Keith Mackin
Carlisle Utd 2

There is something about dramatic victory in a desperate light for survival that stirs the blood and brings normally balanced human beings leaping to their feet screeching with joy. When Leslie O'Neill, who retires at the cord of the server, record four

At half time it seemed that nothing could prevent Wolves from inking at least one, and in all probability two points. Somehow, however, Carlisle raised themselves from the depths. Lesite O'Neill, who refires at the card of the season, accord four minutes from the end of Carlisle United's 2—1 win over the leaders, Wolverhampton Wanderers, there was bediam at Brunton Park with 8.500 people making a noise like 50,000. Two

teams whose fortunes are in total contrast produced a match of enormous excitement, constant action, and a breathtaking finish. There is a piece of doggered verse that tells of two condemned prisoners looking through the jail bars. One sees a grave, the other the stars. At half time Carlisle were looking at the grave of ficir second division existence, while Wolves were looking skywards to the first division. The score was 1—1, but Wolves had totally dominated the play after Rafferty had headed Carlisle into the lead after six minutes. joit for Wanderers' dreams of a quelt return to the first division.

CARLISLE UNITED: A. Ross: S. Hoolikhin, M. McCariney, D. Martin, I. MacDonald, R. Paristr, G. McVitie, B. Bongman, M. Tall, W. Martery, G. McVitie, G. Bongman, M. Tall, W. Martery, G. McVitie, D. Bongman, M. Tall, W. Martery, G. McVitie, D. Bongman, M. Tall, W. Martery, G. McVitie, D. Parsin, B. Daley, F. G. Mission two.

WOLVERHAMPTON: G. Pierce: G. Painer, D. Parsin, B. Daley, F. McCart, A. Simderland, M. Patching, W. Cart, A. Simderland, M. Patching, R. Cleros: R. Chadwick (Darwen).

after six minutes.

Playing with the confident

assurance of a side sweeping towards promotion. Wolves forced Carlisle into a 10-man defente as Hibbitt, Daley and Carr controlled the midfield. Sunderland sent a cross from the right, Ross failed to hold it, and Hibbitt roared up to equalize.

Just as Wolves seemed likely to some away with the point that had seemed so easy, O'Neill slipped into the penalty area and sent a stinging shot into the net despite Plerce's brave attempt to divert the ball. The goal means a alim lifetime for Carlisle, and a line for Mandacear distance of a jolt for Wanderers' dreams of a

Coventry 1

West Bromwich Albion 1

Michael Ferguson, Coventry's young striker snatched a seventy-fifth minute equalizer to keep their hopes of avoiding relegation. Arbion seemed to have pushed their neighbours nearer the drop and helped their own European chances with a sixty-uinth minute good by their centre half, Wile. When Johnston's long throw-in was only half cleared, Coventry hit back with a well taken goal six minutes later. Cartwright, the home substitute centred from the right and Ferguson scored with a

Stragglers are helped

Squash Rackets Correspondent Conswold Stragglers, a more dis-tinguished assembly of equash rackets players than their name rackets players than their name suggests, lost the first two matches in straight games but bounced back to beat Nottingham 3—2 in the final of the mixed team tournament at Wimbledon Stadium last evening. Sponsored by Treiorn, who make equipment, this is in many ways the most interesting and satisfying of Britain's interclub team events. This season, for the first time, it was open to professionals as well as amateurs. The Stranglers, managed by the inexhaustibly enterprising Ted Miliman, of Chektenham, are only three years old as a club. They have home courts at Towkesbury but are essentially a nouradic club

who will be out to retain the trophy won from the Australians have nome courts at Tewkesoury but are essentially a monadic club dedicated to the spirit of friendly competition. Their membersals is restricted to invitees, but this does lust May, Ayton, Britain's No 1 four months ago, has been relegated to fifth place in the rankings list issued by the Squash not prevent them from calling on distinguished players. Rackets Association. No 1 is By contrast, Nontingham are ex-clusively a club side. Their three Leslie, who is promoted from men are all tall, lean youngsters who have been prominent in junior competition in recent years the England team for the European championsnips at Abbeydale Park.

and look fermidably fit and com-perent. Two of these, Gawain Briars and John Roe, gave them a

home by their women resoundingly good start against Paul Miliman and Barry Moson, respectively. Miliman is among Britain's most experienced internationals, but no leaver pounces on the easert ball with the eager speed of his youth.

The Stragglers were rescued by The Stragglers were rescued by their women. Elizabeth Elgood, an international, had an easy win over Valerie Watson, who used to be. Like Milman, Mrs Watson nowadays thinks a better game than she can play. Deanna Murtay, another international, then beat Leslie Moore in a five-game match that was at once the finest contest and the dramatic crux of the evening.

Both played as though the future of the nation depended on them. Miss Murray, restlessly bury, set and maintained such a hot pace that at times (particularly after a punishing raily that 3—5 in the fifth game) it seemed took the younger Miss Moore to that Miss Murray's physical resources might not match those of the heart and mind.

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Snooker

Reardon reaches

Ray Reardon, the holder, reached the quarter-final round of the Embrys world professional smallers. Embossy world professional snower Championships by completing a 13-7 first round victory over Parsy Fagon in Shelfield, yesterday. Reardon, who lead 10-7 evernight, won the first three frames of the third session, the last two on the hiack.

John Pulman (Bromley) finished the first day's play against Fred Day's (Stourport) needing only two of yesterday's remaining eight frames to qualify for the quarter finals. Pulman improved on his 5-3 interval lead to lead 11-6 at close of play in their 25 frame first round maken.

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A winter of discontent made glorious spring

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Clare Harrisua, who forced her way into Britain's top 20 at the beginning of the year, took another step up the ladder to tennis success at Norwich yesterday. She beat Jo Durie, of Eristol, 2-6, 6-4, 5-1, to record a success over her rival for the first time in almost a year. "We played each other 2 lot during the winter, but I never managed to bear her. I must somit she was beginning to make me feet a bit inferior", Miss Harrison said. Miss Harrison must have thought this second-round match was going the same way.

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British

Smith will lead team in Rome By Pamela MacGregor-Morris

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After a year's absence from the
Rome horse short a British
presence will be felt egain in the
Pleza di Siena from April 23
to May 1, when Barvey Smith
twith Salvador Graph, and
Graffith leads the team which
will be striving to add this
Nations Cup to those already
gained for Britain during the
wianer in-Paris and Geneva. Smith
is the second of Britain's only
three winners of the Rome Grand
Prix, the others being the late three winners of the Rame Grand Prix, the others being the late william Hanson, and Makelim Pyrah, who cantured the Lupe di Roma on April Love in 1975.

Peur Robeson takes Woodlark, Grebe and Cockadel, Maureen Holden rides her return Hickstend wimmer, Mr Volvo, and Derek Ricketts, runner-up for the Crand Prix in Geneva, rides Big Red. The team is completed by Paula Graham, just returned from Graham just returned from 8w. edea where she won two inter-national events. She rides Beri-cote Golden Veil and Ballywater. Park, another Easter winner at Lickstead.

Tennis

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SPORT. Racing

Impressive Derby trial by Be My Guest

By Michael Phillips

Racing Correspondent

A bad attack of influenza prevented vincent O'Brien from sceing his three-year-old colt, Be My Guest, winning the Blue Riband Trial Stakes at Epsom vesterday, but had he been there he could hardly have been more pleased or satisfied with what we saw. Ridden by Lester Piggott, who knows the course like the back of his hand, Be My Guest handled Epsom to perfection and was much too sharp for Saros and Ad Lib Ra, his principal rivals on this occasion.

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Having seen Be My Guest win by three lengths, O'Brien's wife, Jacqueline, temanked: "That is very encouraging because we have others who have been working cvery bit as well at home." This result must be seen as a remendous fillips for her husband's stable as a whole and a definite boost to the hopes of his other three-year-olds factory. Arrans, The Minstre's and, Cloonlara, who all have important dates in the tairly immediate future, Incidentally, Cloonlara has thready arrived at Newmarket to camplete her preparation for the 1,000 Guineas there and Piggott will, ride her in a workout on the Heath fact this week.

Yesterday Piggott told me that generalized the street of the was certainly much to admire about the way that Be My Guest moved from fifth place into the lead at the foot of the hill, Be did so in the time it took to say lack Robinson and the pace that he showed then was unterly decisive, It was much more into the lead at the foot of the hill, Be did so in the time it took to say lack Robinson and the pace that he showed then was unterly decisive. It was much more into the leads of the foot of the hill, Be did so in the time it took to say lack Robinson and the pace that he showed then was unterly decisive. It was much more into the leads of the foot of the hill, Be did so in the time it took to say lack at the south nor to be troobled the leads of the course yestering that he had already backed him to wind an unerly captivating. The best price available, now is 16-1 for the best price available, now is 16-1 for the best price will allow underly the bridge between how and junce the course yestering that work to the lack of the lack of



Taste of things to come? Lester Piggott on Be My Guest after the Blue Riband Trial.

ridden by Patrick Eddery. In this race Piggott rude Scuba, who was a bitter disappointment. Fire Angel was bought when he was a yearling by Philip Solomons and he is one of two racehorses leased by Mr Solomons on the playwright and impresario, Ray Cooney, who currently has a show play named after his winner yesterday showing in London.

ing in London.
The Great Metropolitan Handicap was spoilt for many by the injury to the trainer. Phillip Mitchell, which took place in front minjury to the trainer. Phillip Mitchell, which took place in front of the stands where the race was started. Mitchell was there holding his runner. Tamashoon, at the start hut when the starter dropped the flag Mitchell was knocked to the ground. For a while it looked as though he had been injured seriously and it was not surprising to hear that he had been rushed to hospital unconscious. Happily it transpired during the afternoon that he must have been only knocked out by a flying hoof and that his injuries were superficial. He was able to return to his home on the other side of the course. The race was won by yet another hurdler, Yule Log.

There is not a great deal to say about the racing at Epsom today other than the fact that the City and Suburbau Stakes has attracted a mediocre field and like the Great Metropolitan it seems to bave lost its former glamour. Major Role and Yellow Boy, second and

fourth, respectively, in the Rose-bery Stakes at Kempton take each other on once again on terms that favour Yellow Boy. This time I will not be surprised

if he is beaten by the local hope, Extel Handicap at Goodwood last summer. Il Padrone finished behind both at Kempton, but whereas that was his first race of the season they were both fit from hurdling Perucio had a wonderful record last year at Brighton, which is similar to Epsom, but Piggott s presence on Il Padrone's back could be significant.



'Primes' for fillies races would be welcome boost for breeders

By Blichaet Philips

Help for British breeders may well be on the way. At Monday's meeting of the Racing Industry Liaison Committee (RILC) the Thoroughbrad Breeders Association's proposal that "primes" should be introduced in 1978 for all filling store was considered and

tion's proposal that "primes" should be introduced in 1978 for all fillies races was considered and not opposed. Apparently R.I.C decided that although protectionist measures should by the encouraged, some form of help for the British breeding industry was required in the present circumstances and that primes were the best method of giving it.

Basically a prime is a prizemoney to the winner of qualifying races. In France shey are awarded to French-bred winners of all races on the basis of 50 per cent of the usual prizemoney at Longchamp and Deauville and 30 percent elsewhere. The TBA's proposal is that they should be introduced in British on the basis of 50 per cent of the prize for all British-bred winners of races confined to fillies.

If it is not possible to have breeders prizes, the TBA believe that the only alternative way of giving effective support to home breeders would be by bringing in a prime for horses bred and raised in the United Kingdom. The

oreeders would be by bringing in a prime for horses bred and raised in the United Kingdom. The Jockey Club's paper on breeders' prizes accepts that there is concern at the lack of retention of well-bred fillies, and the Levy Board also accept the need to safeguard the quality of British blood-stock. The TBA has consistently supposed the need to safeguard the quality of British blood-stock. The TBA has consistently supposed the need to safeguard the need to s

Increase in

prize money

for six weeks

There will be a 15 per cent

increase in prize money for all jump racing in the six-week period from May 2 until the end of the

season in June. This financial

shot-in-the-arm for jumping comes from the Horserece Besting Levy Board as a further means of com-

pensating the racing industry for

the record number of race meet-

National Hunt meetings already

Ludlow NH programme

2.30 WESTON STEEPLECHASE (Novices: 6ye: £396 : 2m)-

3.0 OAKLY PARK STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £887: 2m)

4.0 BURWARTON STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £727: 3m)

4.30 EARDISTON HURDLE (Novices: Handicap: £476: 2m 1f

the production in this country of the highest possible class of race-horse and it is now their belief that the standards that currently exist can best be maintained by assisting in the retraction of the greatest possible number of well-bred fillies.

hred fillies.

Although the Jockey Club's paper agreed that there was now a prima facie case for direct assistance from the levy, it rejected the idea of breeders' prizes without making an effective alternative suggestion. The TBA is of the opinion that a prime such as exists in France, is the only practical way, other than breeders' practical way, other than breefers', prizes, of helping the retention of quality fillies. And there are a number of reasons why they think that this will be effective.

Fixed at 50 per cent it would give a 50 per cent boost in earning power to those owners and breeders based in the United Kingdom who retain fillies for racing rather than offering them for sale. It should also encourage foreign awarers who race in this foreign owners who race in this country to buy fillies bred in the United Kingdom, which in itself would support our breeding industry. Furthermore it will also

encourage commercial breeders who are inking a long-term view to put into training a filly they wish to remain for the stud by gring such a filly extra earning power whilst in training, and it would make it easier for breeders who are not in a position to put a filly into training, to lease such a filly to be trained in England

and then have her returned to stud in this country, it van be argued that the introduction of a great that the introduction of a prime would be a direct incentive to trainers, owners and other purchasers to buy fillies produced in the United Kingdom to race in this country.

| Watts rides his luck for a fourth winner

By Michael Seely

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In direct contrast to the situation that existed before the 1974 yearling sales, there is now an a increasing difficulty facing breeders who are selling fillies at a action. The difference between the average price of colts and fillies sold at auction proves this point. Last year, for instance, fillies sold at auction proves this point. Last year, for instance, fillies sold at the Newmerket October sales averaged only 2,114 guineas, which is below the cost of production, while colts average of 11,500 guineas. It is felt that owners are hardly likely to-object as the bounses will be paid in the form of prize money and will go to those people who support the home breeder. In the long run trainers and their staff will also profit from an increase in prize money.

The decision of Monday's meeting was that the RILC prize money sub committee should be asked to consider and make recommendations as to how a plan for the introduction of primes could be implemented and that the joint Racing Board working party should be asked to consider and working party should be asked to consider and working party should be asked to consider working party should be asked to consider with the Framework of the 1978 prize money scheme, landing a treble with money for primes could be implemented and that the joint Racing Board working party should be asked to consider how the money for primes could be provided within the framework of the 1978 prize money scheme, landing a treble with money for primes could be provided within the framework of the 1978 prize money scheme.

After the race an inquiry was held into the running of Finite who finished seventh. The stewards accepted Graville Starkey's explanation. He said that Finite had been under pressure for most of the race and that he had only eased the colt when it was clear that he had suchance. Finite is too high in the weights after this successful two-year-old career and had no chance of giving the weight to his more lightly raced and later maturing opponents.

opponents.
Mercer completed Mercer completed a double when capturing the Hesdingley Stakes on Aberoan for John Nelson. The hopes of a treble for Neison. Ine hopes of a trebe for the Cecil-Mercer partnership were shattered when Badajos finished unplaced behind Rapide in the first division of the Oval Maiden Stakes and when Palaver was caught in the final strides of the second division by Glazepta Rework, trained by Alan Jarvis.

ings knocked out by the weather this winter. As well as the increase in prize money the Levy Board is also financing the 20 additional

£3.6m Blushing Groom bid I hear from the TBA that they,

along with the Irish Bloodstock Breeders' Association, have been informed by the Aga Khan that he has had a firm bid of 53.6m (or 5157,000 a share 40 shares) from the United States for his brilliant three-year-old coit, Blushing Groom with the Michael ing Groom, writes Michael Phillips. It will be difficult for European breeders to come up with an offer to match that figure.

Lewis booked

Geoffrey Toff, the Beverley trainer, has engaged Geoffrey Lewis to ride Gunner B (Westbury Stakes) and Two Swallows (Guildford Handicap) at Sandown Park on Saturday.

Whitbread prices

The Tote make Andy Pandy and Ghost Writer 4-1 joint favourites for Saturday's Whitbrend Gold Cup at Sandown Park. They then go 8-1 Our Edition, Prince Rock, 5-1 Gay Yulgan, 10-1 bat.

Guineas at Longchamp on Sun-day, became the first horse since My Swellow to bring off the two-year-old "grand slam" compris-ing the Prix Robert Papin, Morny, de la Salamandre and Grand

Critérium last year. He made au impressive reappearance when winning the Prix de Fontainbleau at Longthamp recently.

2.0 (2.1) CUDDINGTON STARLS

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Epsom programme

[Television (IBA): 2.30, 3.5 and 3.35 races].

2.0 BANSTEAD STAKES (2-y-o-fillies: £875: 5f)

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O Love Fevel, P. Cole, B-11

Mary Spientid, Smyth, B-1-1

Miss Camerood, R. Swyth, B-1-1

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Princess Magne, M. Brotto, B-11

Radiant Pearl, T. Colling, B-11

Sweet Girl, M. Haynes, B-11

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12000 Cs Marche (D), R. Ashurat, 4-7-9

5 Tidal Water, U. Balding, 4-7-9

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306 711111 Perucia (D), R. Akchurst, 6-8-9
306 71211-0 Etwin's Felly (D), B. Price 4-8-6
307 CI244-0 Swing Through (D,8), C. Brittain, J-8-3
307 CI244-0 Swing Through (D,8), C. Brittain, J-8-3
308 CI310-0 Turnelke (D), L. Baideng, 4-8-3
309 CI10-12 Major Role, S. Swill, 7-1-1
311 214400- Endlets Eche, A. Pitt, 4-7-1
311 214400- Endlets Eche, A. Pitt, 4-7-1
31 Major Role, 7-1 Yoljow Boy, 4-1 IJ Padrone, 6-1 Parucia, 8-1 Blyth's Folly, 12-1 Swing Through, Turnelke, 20-1 Endless Eche.

3.35 HVDE PARK STAKES (2-y-o: £1,205: 5f)

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405 3 Vale of Kont, Powery, 8-11

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407 West Arribs, R. Smyth, 8-7

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507 10200-0 Aliez Brimis, B. Switt, 4-5-11 M. Malban 7

508 01000-0 Railez Brimis, B. Switt, 4-5-11 M. Malban 7

509 012230- Gold Mark, A. Ingham, 16-8-7 P. Waldron 3

501 2222-31 The Solosias, J. Sulchiffo, 7-8-3 M. Malban 9

501 3-02074 Under Orders (8), C. Hewick, 8-7-9 M. Carson 10

501 3-02000-0 Peter Guiter, M. Haynes, 5-7-7 M. S. Jago 8

5-3 The Solosian, 3-1 Under Orders, "S-1 Amen' Ra, S-1 Balidan, 10-1 Maxi's Taxi, 12-1 Alies Brimin, American, 16-1 others. 4.45 KINGSWOOD STAKES (3-7-0: £1,163: 1m 110yd)

Epsom selections

by Our Racing Correspondent.

20 Princess Magna. 2.30 Lily Langury. 3.5 II Padrone. 3.35 Ednas Choice, 4.10 Amun' Ra. 4.45 Spieridid Summer. By Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.8 Princess Magna. 2.30 Lily Langury. 3.35 Vale of Kent.

Perth NH programme

2.15 BREADALBANE HURDLE (Div I: Novices: £340: 2m) | Taggrage 8-1 Tid, 20-1 others. 245 BALNAKETLY STEEPLECHASE (Hunters: £412: 3m) il 3.15 CHARLES CAMPBELL HURDLE (Handicap: £852: 2m) 144400 Tasora (C.D.). Denys Smith. 8-12-5 ... 2. Beary 000112 Remainy Star (C.D.). A. Bacon b-11-5 ... C. Shaw 1212010 Prince peg (D.). A. Bacon b-11-5 ... C. Thilter 112010 Embarge, Richards, 6-15-11 ... J. O'Neill Si4000 Litsant (D.). Lady Heirful 5-16-11 ... J. Munru 123303 Friddy Friendly P. Cook, 5-10-0 ... P. James 100033 Peotagon (D.). C. Robinson b-10-0 ... C. Halmes 10100 Brag (D.). W. A. Stejandson 4-10-0 ... T. Stack Romany Star, 10-50 3.45 SCONE PALACE STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £795: 2m) 1 10121 Santon Brig (D), A. Dickinson, 8-12-7 M. Dickinson 2 4211-14 Sannow Say (C-D), K. Diker, S. 11-6 G. Trikler 1 422413 Wylam Boy (D), W. A. Stephonson, 8-11-5 T. Stack 1 124033 Sea Coont (D), G. Richards, 8-11-5 J. J. C'Neul 6 213122 Coole Abbey (D), B. Richnond, 8-10-5 J. Kelly 5 141200 Sraw Lad, T. Dalgetty, 8-10-0 D. Nolan 15-8 Santon Brig, 9-4 Bannow Bay, 3-1 Wylam Boy, 13-2 Coole Abbey, 10-1 law Lad. 4.15 CRIEFF STEEPLECHASE (Novices: £566: 21m)

2.15 Popples Love. 2.45 Timmie's Battle. 3.15 Romany Star. 3.45 Santon Brig. 4.15 Tommy Joe. 4.45 Move Up.

Perth selections

4.45 BREADALBANE HURDLE (Div II: Novices: £340: 2m)

Pontefract programme

2.45 BEAST FAIR STAKES (2-y-o fillies: £1,119: 5f) Jacks Talk Starts (2-4-) limes; 2
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Nixty Gritty (D), D. Thom, P.0
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Meroncy, T. Fairhurst, 8-8
Rippie Wood, A. W. Jones, 8-8
Rippie Wood, A. W. Jones, 8-8
Santhy Lady, L. Shoddan, 8-8
Sassanian Queen, J. Hatdy, 8-8
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3.15 WAKEFIELD STAKES (2-y-o: £440: 5f). 3.45 HAREWOOD HANDICAP (3-y-o: £1,335: 1m)

6.15 BENTLEY HANDICAP (£757: 6f) | DENVILEY DIANDICAF (2757:01) | Pink Note. C. O'Noil. 4-9-12 | 12-120-6 | Cidget (D), P. Rohan, 4-9-10 | 12-120-6 | Minke Emperor (C-D), R. Hollinstand, 6-8-2 | 12-120-6 | Minker Breem (D), L. Craby, 4-2-2 | Minker Breem (D), L. Craby, 4-2-2 | 12-120-6 | Minker Breem (D), L. Craby, 4-2-2 | 12-120-6 | Minker Breem (D), L. Craby, 4-2-2 | 12-120-6 | Minker Breem (D), L. Craby, 4-2-2 | 12-120-6 | Minker Breem (D), L. Craby, 4-2-2 | 12-120-6 | Minker Breem (D), L. Craby, 4-2-2 | L. C. Craby,

4.45 FRYSTON STAKES (£1,027 : 11m)

5.15 HARDWICK HANDICAP (£734: 14m)

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2.45 LADY PEG is specially recommended. 3.15 Never For Me. 3.45
Silver Seal. 4.15 Wirch's Broom. 4.45 Wanlockhead. 5.15 Good Fellow.

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2.45 Lady Peg. 3.15 Market Stranger. 3.45 Silver Seal. 4.15 Stateroom.

5.15 Good Fellow.

Devon and Exeter programme 2.30 BURNT HOUSE LANE HURDLE (Div I; Novices: £340:

400-3.0 STOKE HILL STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £676: 2m 3f) GO-Ver, J. Thormo, 9-12-7

Bean Hawke, H. Laviz, 7-11-12

A. Cooken
Orasio, W. Williams, 10-11-10

Bit of Manny (C-D), Mes S. Morris, 8-11-7

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Elli of Manny (C-D), Mes S. Morris, 8-11-7

Wembdon Hill (B), Mes W. Colo, 7-10-12

Mes Bab Surfic L. Mes W. Colo, 7-10-12

Markey Penalve Prince, D. Strume, 9-10-6

G. Thorner Kelly's Mero, A. Wales, "10-4

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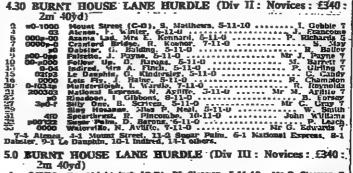
Markey Two (C-D), G. Balding, 9-10-0

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of Manny, 4-1 Rob, Bunker, %2 Go-Over, 7-1 Boon Hawke, 8-1

30 300420 Marcla's Mark, B. Striwn, 12-10-0 100-50 Bit of Manny, 4-1 Rob Bunier, 4-2 Go-Over, 7-1 Boos Hawke, 8-1 Orosio, 9-1 Cities Fair, 10-1 Young Stove, 12-1 Gallowsy Fabricus, 16-1 others, 2-1 23 3.30 BEACON HEATH HURDLE (Handicap: E361: 2m 40yd) 4.0 TEIGNBRIDGE STEEPLECHASE (Hunters: £272: 3m 1f)

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Devon and Exeter selections

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2.30 Des. 3.0 Young Steve. 3.30 Nan's Gem. 4.0 Conchita II. 4.30 Atenea. 5.0 Just Revenge.

Ludlow selections 1 IDIVIDITIVE DIEFLECTIASE (HUMBERS; 22/2; Sm 1f)

1 22-232 Deven Spirit (D), Mrs D. Pook, 12-12-7 Mr K. Pook 7

4 4-73 Munt, N. Milchell, 10-12-2 Mr N. Milchell, 7

5 1107 Flate, D. Eckley, 11-11-12 Mrs F. Chown 7

6 22-233 Callio, Mrs J. Brookes, 9-11-7 Mrs K. Pook 7

6 20-00 Mrs J. Brookes, 9-11-7 Mr K. Bosley 5

6 Conthita II, R. Nichels, 6-11-7 Mr K. Bosley 5

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2.0 Night Adventure. 2.30 Statuway Lad. 3.0 Pizza. 3.39 Camile, 4.0
Wild Fox. 4.30 Highland Orchid.

Epsom LU LEINTWARDINE HURDLE (Handicap: £340: 2m 1f 30yd)

1 282210 Carlamant, J. Gibert, 5-11-7 P. Carrille ?

4 24000 Serbonne, J. Tierney, 5-11-2 Mr. B. Thomas ?

3 030000 Jehany Singe, E. Ldmunds, 6-11-2 Mr. B. Thomas ?

4 20-0000 Warwick Figer, O. O'Nelli, 6-10-15 Mr. B. Thomas ?

5 001004 Honourable Enoch B. Cambldge, 3-10-10 Mr. B. Tolariol ?

5 001221 Hight Adveniere (C-0), D. McCaia, 3-10-9 Mr. E. John .

7 000020 Fig. J. Percock, 5-10-8 R. Crank
11 4-0000 Lew Profile, J. Murjey, 6-10-5 Mr. Crank
12 00000 Puntabelle Mrs J. Evans, 4-10-0 Mr. Holland
13 00000 Puntabelle Mrs J. Evans, 4-10-0 Mr. Morahoud
14 300 Jean's Seng, P. Evansom, 4-10-0 Mr. Morahoud
2-1 Night Messenger, 7-2 Carlquest, 5-1 Prince Wilsen, 6-1 Honourable
Beach, 8-1 Piu 10-1 Sorbonne, 20-1 others. 20 LEINTWARDINE HURDLE (Handicap: £340: 2m 1f 30yd)

2.0 (2.1) CUDDINGTON TAKES

1.2-y-0: REF6: 51)
Tesp Temmy, b., by Graal
Nechses—Jaishill .Dr S. Bennett. 8-3 Car B.6

Double, Mirase, ch. B. by Our
Mirase Maribra Mirase 18.

Schmidt-Bodnor) B-7 (2.1)

Santy Area, b., b., by Sirvolightor—
Aliarmum (J. Boney-vool 8-3

ALSO RAN: 9-1 hv Night Owl. 10-1

Too Bit Man, 12-1 Backing Alist, 16-1

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TOTE: Win, 360: places, 18, 369,
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2.50 (3.50) BUNBURY STAKES, (3-9-0; 2818; 5() 13-9-0: 2518 3/1 Software 128-21 Software 13-1 Software 13

2 Pr. 1220 Menchall (C-B), F. Wallyn, 10-12-4 M. Flord
4 11231 Correspond (D), E. T. Jones, 11-11-15 M. Walkinson
5 180403 Service (D), F. Ballyn, 17-12-15 M. M. Flord
11 31324 Phon (Ch), C. Miller 1-12-16 M. M. Flord
11 31324 Phon (Ch), C. Miller 1-12-16 M. M. Flord
14 100021 September Raia (B), C. Wales, 9-10-7 M. R. Karnari,
16 10002-ph Victories Vision (D), J. Harris, 10-10-0 M. Sunderland
11-4 Stryne 100-50 Corrieghold, 4-1 Shock Results, 11-2 September Rain,
7-1 Plzza, 8-1 Metchall, 10-1 others.

Nottingham

NOTTING 1981

2.0 (2.2) TAVERN HANDICAP (3-y-o: &329-o: £812: 61

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Shelnias (R. Holliday), 7-7

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ALSO KAN: 9-1 Duke's (irt. 12-1)

TOTE: Win. 35b; Baces, 19p. 15p.

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2.50 (2.51) LORDS HANDICAP (5-y-o)

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ALSO MAN: 5-1 Caserr. 12-4 Finite,
20-1 Camak Molex (4th) 25-1 Townsono Perfess Prince, Ballgari, 10 ren,
TOTE: Win, 55p; places, 17p, 15p;
12n, M. Gectl, at Newmarket. 24, 61
Wild Time, did not run.

2.16 (2.16) BLACK WATCH HURDLE
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Manning). B12 L Proport 1:4:

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Copee (Dr C, Viltadin). B-12

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1-11), 9-2 Corriage Way, 15-7
Nordyna, 8-1 Nice N.Essy, 20-1
Mined Blusion, 33-1 Take A Lakee.

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4.4.5 (4.46) EVELYN HARDICAP
(3-y-0): £1.721: 711
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IMIS U. Waddinghent: 5-5
Star Frince, ch. C. Rodrigues: 10-12
Star Frince, ch. C. Rodrigues: 10-12
Star Frince, ch. C. Rodrigues: 10-14
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Privatest. Flastic Cap. 13-1 The Sign
(centre, 11-1 Heronty, 16-1 Siegger,
Sanghurst, 20-1 Mogul, Frendly Klas,
13-72h; Win, 49p: places, 12-12, 21-12,
32p. 51r Mark Prescott, at Newmarket,
13-72h; Win, 49p: places, 12-12, 21-12,
32p. 51r Mark Prescott, at Newmarket,
13-72h; Red Wy Guest, Mandelma: 201-16,
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1: 3-y-0: CETT: 11-m;
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Donine (D. Ignos). 9-0

Night Porter ... E. Eldin (12-1) 1

Jenswaltow ... P. Young (14-1) 2

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ALSO RAN: 9-3 It fave Badius,
Coquito's Prace (4h). 8-1 Verboelly,
11-1 Lucky Runter. 21-1 Blackamour,
Coup de Soiell, Ladbroke Leisure,
Trouvalle, Trumania, 25-1 Penerase,
Duck, Duictdene, Morhoe, Punaue
Derek, Swan Valley, 20 ran.

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5.0 (3.2) TRENT ERIBGE HANDICAP

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STEEPLECHASE (Handien: £1,674;
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Broncho II, ch g. br Chon Chin
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Burvator, C. Holmes (6-1) 2
Teddy Bans II, 1. Stack (6-1) 7
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Nobio Neptune (4h), Sparkie Acada,
14-1 Neyter There, 20-1 Ormonde
Tudor, 10 ran,
TOTE: Win, 36p; places, 15p, 17p,
215p; dnaf forwast, 51.07, A. Dickmson,
at Gisbarn, 2, 80.

at Gisbarn. 2,1, 81.
4.15 (4.25) STORMONT STEEPLE-CHASE (Novices: 2500: 2m)
Rao. Rajah, Ch. g. by Native Prince, Gray Film, (A. Machingari, Carlotte, Charlette, Char TOTE: Win. £1.39; places, 54p. 22p; duel forecast, \$2.36. A. Mactaggari, at Jedburgh. Jal. 19.1. Do Justice and Came Gentleman did not run. Old Stephen. . T. Stack | 12-1 | 2 and | Interest, | 13-1 | 10 Justice | ALSO RAN: 6-2 fav Incland's Owren, | 15-1 | 15-1 | 10 Justice | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1 | 15-1

Why Orwell's 1984 revolution has

already taken place

Anthony Burgess, novelist and critic contributes this week's guest column.

I have been asked by an American publisher to attempt a book-length reassessment of Orwell's Nineteen Eighty-Four-I had at first, living in Monaco as I am, some difficulty in finding a copy of the work in English so had to re-read it in Italian. The Italian version begins: Era una fresca limpida giornata d'aprile e gli orologi segnavano l'una. "On this bright cold April day the clocks are striking one", but in the original they are striking 13. original they are striking 15.
Latin logic is saying that clocks would never strike 13, which is probably zrue, but Orwell, with the fine touch of the fabulist, is striking along with 13 a note of unreality.

Read on and the unreality is confirmed. There is an elec-

confirmed. There is an elec-tricity cut but the telescreens tricity cut but the telescreens are working. Counterpointing the unreality is an exact portrayal of the London of 1948, a broken-down year of bomb-craters, boarded-up buildings, bad gin and worse cigarettes that was originally to have given the novel its title. The Ministry of Truth is Broadcasting House, in whose room 101 Orwell used to give talks to Orwell used to give talks to India; the Chestnut Tree is the Gluepor round the corner. SF properties are imposed on the back-projection of an England in which, despite the recent in which, despite the recent end of a war against collectivist tyranny, left-wing intellectuals were supposed to be dreaming of an Ingsoc far more rigorous than Artlee's or Nye Bevan's. Read on farther and you find that purges in the sixtles have preceded the revolution of the seventies. America takes over Britain, calling it Aisstrip One, and yet its political ideology is drawn from the subject country. We cannot believe, ver Orwell's We cannot believe, yet Orwell's nerrative and intellectual power is such that we read on till the end, moved, horrified, convinced that this is at least a possible vision of the future. We know it can't really be like that: We only have seven years to go and only have seven years to go and the preliminary work hasn't even been started. But there's an irrational part in all of us quite ready to wake up on the moving of January 1, 1984, to find the thoughtpolice helicopters snooping and Big Brother watching us from every wall.

The general chesis of an

The general thesis of an omnipotent state, which is to be found in most excotopies, remains a compelling one and is likely to feature in all post-Orwellian visions of a nesty future or alternative present (Kingsley Amis's fatest novel is set in an electronive 1976, and the omalpotent ruler is the Church, meaning Pope John Braine as secular ruler). But the twanty of the state as we it now, and are likely to see it for centuries to come, is is aubtle or intellectual enough to wish to impose collective solipsism or to render the menional vernecular incapable of



expressing subversive ideas. We are oppressed not by fear of the thoughtpolice but by fiscal documents we don't understand and an apprehension that we may be breaking fiscal laws we didn't even know existed. Nineteen Eighty-Four is unusual in Bricish fiction in that money exists only to have Big Brother's face stamped on it.

It was a bad piece of pro-It was a bad piece of prophecy on Orwell's part to have the proletariat as a submerged 85 per cent of the population, free from oligarchical control because stupid and harmless. What has happened in England is that a revolution has already taken place whereby the proles, or to be exact the prole slite, have seized the power. The big trade unions effectively control government and are virtually government and are virtually immune from the laws which oppress private or non-union-

No cacotopian writer has, to my knowledge, made fiction out of the probable outcome of the present situation. Government by an executive under the orders of the TUC, the legisla-

education and culture remade not by socialist intellectuals but by the taste of working men's clubs, history limited to the history of the working class-movement, religion reduced to per-talks about housing—this is perhaps a prospect more frigh-tening than that presented by Orwell Life in Winston Smith's Orwell, Life in Winston Smith's London is sordid but not dull. There is a sore of intellectual stimulus in managing newspeak and doublethink; what is notable about TUC though, and oratory alike is the predictibility and dullness. Caccropian writers always mislead us. They dare not present a dull future, for that would make for dull reading. Art is always more interesting than life.

interesting than life.

A new Nineteen Eighty-Four would perhaps be about a Winston Smith forbidden by his odd religious convictions to belong to a trade union. He would not be lovingly indoc-trinated by a bad but intelli-gent O'Brien in the principles of humanistic atheism but hear the door of the shop close

loudly behind him. He would become some kind of lowly operative, perhaps a lavatory cleaner's assistant, unprotected and unruled by a union, and come into contact with men like himself—square pegs, in-tellectuals, flat-certh believers who are med but represent sanity in a conformist world. The government would be a remote body concerned mainly with authorizing the printing of paper money to meet union wage demands. His taxes would be higger than his wages. During his hinch hour the clocks would all be striking The unions may well forbid

the publishing of such fiction. Meanwhile our major cacotopian vision must remain some thing unrealizable and, with its smell of privation justified by war and its tough intellectual issues, both stimulating and cosy, not to say nostaicte. Rine-teen seventy seven is far more frightening that Ninetesn Eighty-Four.

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Could venison become the housewife's regular Sunday joint?

Deer farming could provide the United Kingdom with a useful additional source of meat. Managed intensively in a project now under way in Scotland, red deer conference to discuss the feasibility of farming deer. This led to an experimental deer farm being set up at Glensaugh on the east side of the Grampians, jointly grazing resources of hill farms without managed by the Rowett Research Institute of Aberdeen a conference to discuss the feasibility of farming deer stalking in Britain's forests is less expensive by Continental deer farm being set up at Glensaugh on the east side of the Grampians, jointly managed by the Rowett Research Institute of Aberdeen a conference to discuss the feasibility of farming deer stalking in Britain's forests is less expensive by Continental deer farm being set up at Glensaugh on the east side of the Grampians, jointly managed by the Rowett Research Institute of Aberdeen a conference to discuss the feasibility of farming deer stalking in Britain's forests is less expensive by Continental deer farm being set up at Glensaugh on the east side of the Grampians, jointly managed by the Rowett Research Institute of Aberdeen a conference to discuss the feasibility of farming deer, This led to an experimental deer farm being set up at Glensaugh on the conference to discuss the feasibility of farming deer, This led to an experimental deer farm being set up at Glensaugh on the conference to discuss the feasibility of farming deer, This led to an experimental deer farm being set up at Glensaugh on the conference to discuss the feasibility of farming deer, This led to an experimental deer farm being set up at Glensaugh on the conference to discuss the feasibility of farming deer, This led to an experimental deer farm being set up at Glensaugh on the conference to discuss the feasibility of farming deer, This led to an experimental deer farming deer, This led to an experimental deer farming dee of meat. Managed intensively in a project now under way in Scotland, red deer could provide venison directly from the grazing resources of hill farms without requiring large quantities of boughtin

feed.

There is evidence that red deer can consume and convert larger quantities of available vegetation on hills than sheep, so deer could provide a higher return per acre than sheep. The potential for economic development of deer farming in the Scottish Highlands and islands is considerable. Such a farming system would have a clear relevance to the Highlands and islands as a possible alternative to and islands as a possible alternative to

sheep farming in many marginal areas of the west Highlands.
In order to test the commercial feasi-bility of farming red deer to provide venison for a much larger market at home and possibly for export, the Highlands and Islands Development Board has averaged and possibly for export, the highlands and Islands Development Board has purchased for £275,000 the 3,800-acre west Highland estate of Rahoy on the Morvern peninsula in Lochaber opposite the island of Mull. The board believe Rahoy estate, which is a natural wintering area for red deer. offers potential for a breeding stock of 400 hinds.

Eventually, the estate could become a model for future deer farms on suitable sites throughout the Highlands and islands, with Rahoy as a demonstration unit for prospective deer farmers and a source of breeding stock for future commercial farms. Intensive husbandry of red deer has interested the board since early in 1969 when they jointly organized with the and the Hill Farming Research Organiza-

and the Hill Farming Research Organization.

Just as deer stalking today is no longer
exclusively the sport of the wealthy, so
venison is exten by rich and poor. The
Forestry Commission make full use of
this valuable by-product of forestry by selling tons of venison every year. Much of
it goes overseas, mainly to West Germany,
where there is a great demand for it. One
company in the Highlands, McLean
Brothers (Grantown) Ltd, won the Queen's
Award to Industry for putting up its
exports of venison by £200,000 over the
qualifying three-year period. The meat is
frozen after it is bought from sporting
estates, and a lot is finding its way to
German stomachs, by courtesy of McLean
Brothers, headed by an Englishman, Mr
Raymond Slaughter.

Mr Slaughter, says that demand for venison has facreased since beef prices began to rise; more hotels are serving it and an increasing number of them, as well as restaurants, are likely to serve it in future. It could be that, if deer farming catches on, more British homes could be

carches off, more british nomes could be serving it, too.

Until now, mention of deer has been associated with stalking rather than farming and the sport has tended to be a pastime of the wealthy male exclusive by its cost. Now, however, fairly ordinary professional men are coming for a week or two during the rut in July or August from

But, in spite of its relative cheapness as deer stalking goes, it is unlikely to acquire popular appeal among the British people at large. In the past 25 years or so the Forestry Commission has been planting 20.000 acres of new trees a year; young plantations provide a perfect habitat for deer. Roe deer, which had almost vahished from Eugland and Wales by the middle of the last century and were restricted to the

the last century and were restricted to the Highlands of Scotland, are now known all over Scotland, spreading south rapidly, increasing their numbers by between 25 and 50 per cent in a single season.

Deer are essentially woodland animals and where forced to live in open country, as in the Highlands, become stunted. This is where deer farming through the study of deer husbandry would control, on the one hand, the undesirable spread of deer and, on the other, provide venison for British

housewives.
The stalking of deer in the Highlands up until 1745 was not so much a sporting atp until 1745 was not so much a sporting one as a domestic necessity; meat was the target. The deer were driven to armed men in ambush and hounds were used to course deer. After the '45 sheep came to the Highlands and subsequently much land was cleared of deer as well as Highlanders. The red deer took to the hills where they successfully established themselves and where their descendants survived until today. . . and may provide the alternative to beef tomorrow.

Donald Massie

Why we must act with our mouths over real food

Assuming that we are what we ear, it is a good sign that we are beginning to take more notice of what we are about to become, that is, to look more closely at what is on our plates. The fuss over the minimum price of bread may be beside the point. Deliverymen may be concerned about a cut-price war forcing small bakers out of business; as consumers, we ought to be more concerned over the actual contents of the loaf.

This is certainly the concern of the Campaign for Real Bread (Vegetarian Society, 53 Marloes Road, London W8 6LD 01-937 7739), which does not ask to join in mass marches on Parlia-ident but to act with our mouths and eat the rad stuff made of wholemeal as opposed to the refined white sort from which much of the value has been removed. It would also like to see correct labelling of bread, so that refined flour brown loaves cannot masquerade as

Of all the pressure groups concerned with what fills our sugmachs, the Campaign for Real Ale (34 Alma Road, St Albans, Herrs ALI 3BW, 67201) must be the best known. This holds that "in almost every way—choice, quality, price—the consumer is at the muggins end of the modern beer industry", and tries to foster the genuine malty drink which is under attack by synthetic pressurized liquid produced by the big brewers. It

mind produced by the big brewers. In publishes its own magazine, What's Brewing, and an annual Good Beer Guide.

"The tie depicts a vertical line of barrel motifs on a black background, signifying the whreatened demise of traditional draught beer. It is a convention among many members of the society that the tie should be worn every Friday."

This is the mark of a member of a separate group, which goes one further than the real ele buffs by insisting on the actual material of the cask. The society for the Preservation of Beers from the

Wood (Ye Olde Watling, Watling Street, Loudon EC4M 9AY, 01-248 6235) has a lower profile and a smaller membership, although possibly a more intense one, since "all possible steps are taken to eliminate applications of a frivolous or illconsidered nature ".

considered nature".

Bread and beer are not the only items on our tables that are liable to be tampered with, according to Mother Earth (PO Box 8, Malvern, Worce WR14 2NO, 06345 4598). Not to be confused with Friends of, Mother Earth promotes organic gardening, "city farming", self-sufficiency in tood and an end to chemicals with everything. Pests like slugs should be controlled by frogs and toads, which it encourages by a "massive rearing, release and aftercare service". It also speaks up for the common earth-It also speaks up for the common carati-worm, and publishes the Good Food Grow-ing Guide (£3.95 plus 45p postage).

Jonathan Sale

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Subject to approval of the loan by IBRD, construction is scheduled to begin during 1977 and to continue through 1979. Companies from member countries of the IBRD and Switzerland interested in participating in the proposed tenders are invited to apply for registration in accordance with the provisions stipulated in the form for registration which may be obtained from the address below.

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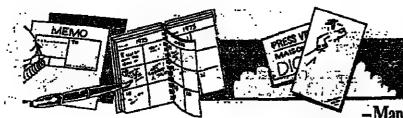


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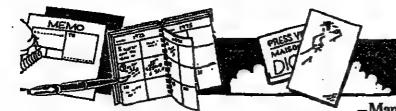
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It is only by conducting a widespread purse that the government believes it can free itself from what it considers to be the scourge of a worldwide political subversive movement which threatens Explaining the regime's actions, an Argentine Foreign Office official said: "You must see it through our eyes. Since the 1950s our country

rassinamon. In March last year, with the country virtually bankrupt, a malitary junta took over from President Isabella Peron. "I prefer not to call it a coup," General Videta says. "It was the will of the people that we came in." To a large degree be is right. Most Angentines, of the left and the right, wanted the new justs to defeat the guerniles and restore law and plete agreement on the hard measures employed by the military against the activists. General Widela commented:

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President Videla presents a medal to a soldier wounded in action against goerrillas. Army losses in the campaigns were heavy but no official casualty fugures have been released.

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Another grim prospect fac-ing Argentina is the releutiess purge against intellectual dissi-dents. One political scientist who has been closely following events believes that the second rorists, it appears that it phase of repression against the phase of repression against the intellectuals, such as himself, is well underway. The grupos has insted blood and will not be satisfied just with guerrillas," he says. General Videls himself says that anyone who disagrees "with our way of life" must be detained. customary to notify the local police station that an "imsi-dent" will be taking place A well-known Argentine law-yer estimates that since the middle of 1975 between 15,000 and 34,000 people have vanished in Argentina. Last autumn an Interior Ministry detained.

official claimed that the figure was only 20,000 to 25,000 and that some three thousand The political scientist esti-mares that 100,000 university professors, lecturers, post-stad-uates, graduates, and other university or technically people were in detention. General Videls said the number of detainess could not be given for "reasons of secur-ity". However, he did admis trained people have left the country in less than two years because of fear of the regime that the capacity of the and in particular the present junta. Many of them are un-doubted left-wing supporters, five thousand. He would not elaborace on the rate of turnsome want better career pros-pects, but not all by any stretch of the imagination. One government official considered Argentina". They were ell this figure of 100,000 was low and that it was probably twice as high if one included writers, The number of active subjournalists, lawyers, artists, actors, and "thinkers."

"The military are trying to versives is now thought to be less than 3,000, having fallen

given direct orders by their from an estimated peak of corps commanders to detain, 19,000: But, according to the control our minds," says the colitical scientist. "They need to keep the phantom of the Monteneros alive. They are tigers, who want more blood." General Videla is naturally sensitive to the human rights issue, but claims: "I have an absolute conviction that in £10,000

order to have human rights for the majority in Argentina, we are struggling against a minority that does not deserve to be called Argentine."

Michael Frenchman

To call something a Festival for Mind and Body does not leave much our. You would expect all human life to be

Sorting 'weeds' among the growing harvest of government papers

Parliament will hear complaints over access to official archives

British system of preserving and publishing government arid as it sounds. The documents in the Public Record
Office are not only the raw
material of history, they are
also a vital if neglected aspect of open government. Even

though 30 years may elapse be-tween the time the Camnet Secretary wrote his minute and the moment of its release, it is nevertheless the public's first opportunity to examine in letail the stewardship of its

spiracy theories about the destruction of incriminating material by guilty governmental parties. Watergate has given them a new lease of life. Even in more rational, well-informed circles, there have been persistent rumours that ministers ordered the destruction of the more sensitive Suez files in 1956 before they even reached the departmental registries, and that the less tasteful papers on the Profumo affair did not survive 1963. Such suspicions cannot be

confirmed or altayed until 1986 and 1993 unless somebody breaks his Privy Councillor's eath or the Civil Service code of conduct.

A less dramatic but equally important variety of disquiet is currently afflicting the historical profession. It is 23 ; ears since Sir James Crigg and his committee on departmental recurds last examined the selection of decuments for preservation. The nature of historical research has changed since then, with much less em-phasis on high policy and more attention paid to the nuts and bolts of social organization, for

Parliament will have a rare example. The volume of takes place after 25 years, news in January when between chance tonight to debute the government paper has in before the papers are trans one third and one quarter of in the same period. Such was the concern of the Lord Chancellor's Advisory Council on Public Records than

Elevn-Jones turned down its request, arguing that there was a shortage of funds in the present economic climate. Tonight the Lord Chanceller when replying to the short debate initiated by Lord Tevior, a member of his advisory council. Under its bland

rabric—"To draw attention to the present state of public records"—a number of complaints will be aired felling, probably, into two categories: concern about the criteria used by government departments in deciding which documents shall be destroyed and which preserved; and the lack of independent checks on the power of departments to with-hold documents beyond 50

Under the Public Records
Acts, 1938 and 1957, the
responsibility for deciding
what material is retained is in
the hands of departmental
records officers, usually mea
of senior executive officer rank, an official status lower than that anticipated for them by the Grigg Committee. They ron teams of "weeders" who sift the mass of paper accumulated by their ministries. In the absence of published information about the guidelines set for "weeding", some his-torians fear that by accident, precious, irreirievable material

being lost for posterity. The Crieg report prescribed an initial "weed" shortly after documents cease to be in regular use. A second "weed"

Office PRO officials try to check all material earmarked it has no historical value. it asked last year for another Their task is hopeless. The Grigg-type inquiry. Lord PRO employs five inspectors, specialist on raedieval docu-

beyond the 30 years prescribed ment, but the request can be

administrative or

with Palestine in 1946 failed to for destruction to ensure that appear on time. The Lord Chancellor, whose permission is necessary for recention for one scientific adviser and a other special reason", is heavments to cover 200 government advice of departments. No predepartments and three nation- cise statistics are available, but alized industries. Tonight's it is rare for him to challenge debate will probably include a retention reducet. His advi-calls for a government archive sory council, chaired by Lord service.

Denning, Master of the Rolls, The reception of documents can ask to see a remined docu-



the British mandate in Palestine, believes the powers of the council should be strengthened to provide independent advice to the Lord Chancellor in dis-poted tases. The system is quixotic, he claims, since some of the Palestine papers originally rotained by the Cabinet Office were freely available in the Foreign Office files for 1946. (The Cabinet Office has since released the papers concerned, explaining that the delay resulted from a lack of coordination between its "weeders" and the Foreign

An inquiry into departmental records would not be short of work. Apart from establishing criteria for weeding, advisiog on the establishment of a Government archive service, revising the powers of the advicurrent needs of research, it could tidy up the present Acts by placing all public bodies and rationalized industries within their remit. At present, only the Post Office, the National Coal Board and the included.

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-Peter Hennessy

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Literally, the writing on the wall

I have often expressed, in one form or another, my gloomy conviction that the English language is under senappeal has been rejected, and that the Home Secretary has refused to advise the Queen (despite the fact it is, after all, her English) so exercise the prerogative of mercy. (The condenned language did not eat a hearty supper, as all it was offered was baked beans in tomato sauce, frozen Dover sole that suggested Dover only in the fact that it tasted of little but chalk, instant coffee and a boule of exceptionally nesty Liebfraumilch.)

Within the life of people aready grown up, the English language will have ceased to exist for most speakers of ir except as a means of element-ary communication (for which it will in any case be proving a more and more inadequate ineffectively). The habit of speaking and writing English in accord with the principles of grammar, spelling and ety-mology, which is already con-fined to a small minority of the population, will be generally regarded as an eccentricity; the knowledge and love of the language as an entity will be almost extinct; the man or woman who listens to language as to music will be practically unknown; and when we need to convey anything too complex to be represented by pointing, we chali grunt. That, to be sure, was how Pitheconthropus conversed, and for a time it seemed that we had advanced on him; but now we no longer speak the toughe that Milton spake (most of us have, in-deed, never heard of Milton.

except possibly as the name of a brand of disinfectant, and the tongue is more often nined than not), preferring to converse in the vile metalan-guage of television personali-ties, popular emeriainers and Members of Parliament. (I lose on a denial of the proposi-tions that whatever else has happened to standards of literacy in this country, the size of the average vocabulary has steadily declined, that it is now lower than for many cen-turies if not than at any former time, that it is continuing to decline, and that the

Eventually, the few remain-ing lovers and users of English will be found huddled together in small and fearful groups (you will realize that I am looking a little further ahead to the day when these practices are entirely illegal, poring over their disintegrating copies of Chaucer, Shake-speare, Bunyan, Gibbon, Jane Austen and the King James Bible (which last will no doubt banned on political as well linguistic grounds, though the NEB may be permitted since it is sufficiently unlikely to make a reader of it think about any religious matter to be considered safe). But when I set out for the cave in the Mendips in which I expect to spend my last days I shall take, as well as some more familiar works, a set of a magazine called Verbatim

This is a quarterly American

work of a lexicographer named Laurence Urdang. Mr Urdang. (I hope he will look in on our cave from time to time) was struck a few years ago, by the fact that although there are linguistic magazines, there is no readily available journal in English for the general reader who is interested in lenguage. So he started Verbaum in 1974, and was much granified by the response (it may be a I confess that when he sent

the very first issue, which in-cluded a horrible bit of if-forchough: Verbatim, we were told, would be "written in an intelligent (if popular) style . . ." But such solecisms are rare in the pages of what I have come to regard as an indispensably delightful quarterly treat. For Verbatim is precisely when it claims to be; a magazine for those who are interested in language, and wish to drink from some of the countless streams that pour forth from its inexhaustible fount.

I take an issue at random from the pile: September 1975. It begins with a note, by an American Professor of Linguistics, on the curious fact that most nouns ending in ee (employee, trustee) are passive iu sense, and only a few and the extent to which pro-(refusee) are active. The writ-er rather spoils his enquiry by without meaning necessarily admitting without discrimina-

minecessary) escapee and standee. (He also includes divorces in the same category, which is surely an error arising from confusion with the French participial noun.) But it serves what I feel is the principal purpose of Verbatim: to start linguistic and allied hares in the reader's

can be seen sricking up out of the next article, a survey of what Lewis Carroll called port-manteaus—words created by a kind of linguistic dialectic from two other words, like the now accepted beautility, and one or two which have not yet taken me some copies, rightly assuming that I would be interested front, at any rate in this in the subject-matter, I had a country, but which certainly masty turn on reading the fill a need, such as diplonointroductory editorial note in mics, meaning "use of econonic power ends ", om! meaning "use of econo-power for diplomatic ends". (Though the writer omits from his list Eliot Janeway's famous coinage guesstimate.

A more serious addition to linguistic studies, in the same issue, is a list of multi-word adjectival modifiers: most of these are from advertising copy or its first consins in the editorial prose of fashion mag-azines ("a plush wooland-mohair blend", "easy-to-launder", and the hideous "realer-man-reptile"), but I was surprised to realize that these formations are common elsewhere, too: "a chree-day walk", "fast-moving", even walk " fast-moving", "all-night". And there George Steiner's After Babel, being lost; there are also a

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twists round as it falls. Verbatim is full of such

things, including a wrist of oddments that would have pleased Thurber, a figurious word-game addict, and de please me, another. Having long be-lieved that the two shortest holo alphabetic sentences that make real sense are "Pack my box with five dozen flator juss" and (the one that and fresh to such a variety of enalogical uses) "The quick" brown fox jumps over the lazy dog ", with 32 and 35 letters respectively, I was delighted to discover that somebody has found one in only 28: Ward nymph, for quick figs ver Bud". (Purists—I am one of them will insist that proper names are not permitted, and declare the contest still open.)

It is nice to meet people who care about the English language, and it would still be nice even if I felt more cheerful about the prospects that the language faces. So I salute Mr Urdang and his endeavour (it is worth adding that the magazine is most elegantly produced and designed—the lexicographical editor is also something of a typographer), I shall keep a corner of the cave dry
for him, and I hope that some
of you (chose who can read, for instance), may find Verba-tim worth the getting.

Verbatim is obtainable, £2.75 for an angual subscrip-tion, from Verbatim, Markat House, 21 Market Square, Aylesbury, Bucks.

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previously unrecorded never heard of Milton, including such repulsive (and οÊ The Times Diary Glever in the field of

Why the answer lies in the feet

expect all human life to be there, and you would not be far wrong about the six-day festivity which began at Olympia yesterday. In the main though, it is a benefit occasion for the wholefood/ consciousness/fringe medicine/ It is, people said, the largest and best organized exhibition and rally ever devoted to such

macters. The first press announcement about it reached announcement about it reached my desk several months ago, and they have even persuaded the Automobile Association—one of the few organizations I know positively opposed to both mind and body—to put up some of their yellow signposts in the surrounding streets.

Arriving I signed the book Arriving, I signed the book

in the press room just below the signatures of representatives of Slimmers Magazine and The Vole. This broad spectrum of press representalicity of the news releases displayed on the table.

The sub-culture to which I

have referred is an intensely literary one, I mused, as my eye wandered over the mounds duplicated documents.

There were many announcements like the one which began: From a base in the stockbroker belt of Cobham, Surrey, a group of people have organized themselves into a community to cater to the simost universal human need or craving for awareness and a sort of rebirth." This was at least less worrying than the news about Tone, a "presentday prophet ". who, tomorrow,
"will speak throughout the day
about the impending wrath of
God and the days of abject terror that are now imminent". I decided not to read on but to go and look at the exhibition for myself. It was a perilous undertaking. The stands were peopled mainly by women—practitioner offered similar

either thin sud ohve shinned, with untidy hair and in ethnic clothing, or grey-haired and bony, with ever-present but easily resistible smiles. (These last were chiefly on stands with some religious connotation.) The two varieties were

eq ally dangerous. Anyone who hesitated for a moment by a stand was liable to be set upon and offered a long exposition of the philosophy of the particular group, usually delivered with more enthusiasm than cogency. One I failed to escape was

Mary Perigoe, who summed up her message as: "Light is life, life is movement." Her brockure spoke of the "iron will hidden beneath her gentle manner."
and I was far too insubstantial

She trapped me when I was staring with fascination at the diagrams of feet which adorned her stand. These explained her technique of foot reflexology, or zone therapy. Massaging the correct part of the foot, she told me, broke down the lactic acid deposits in the nerve ends and could have a stimulating effect

on distant parts of the body. The diagram showed, for instance, that if my bladder was in trouble I could use a massage under my instep. If my shoulder was bothering me, the little toe in my left foot was the place. And I cannot with delicity reveal to you the right ankle.

treatment with only slightly varying diagrams. (He was also strong on colour therapy.) And a Canadian shoe firm was showing shoes which "duplicate the movement of walking in soft earth" and thus help prevent back trouble. After feet, a main preoccupa-

tion of the exhibitors was with aura. One stand offered to photograph and interpret your aura for El. And the Aetherius Society, who boast that their founder has made a world record number of 600 cosmic transmissions, offered an Auric Harmonizer which Energy ces the energy in your aura (554.70 post paid, special discount price expires May 14). Another piece of complex

Translator, which allows plants to talk to you. It monitors their electrical signals and translates them into bleeps which get higher pitched as the plant gets more excited. More simple technology was represented by the Ma-roller, a peculiarly shaped piece of wood

which you place under your spine as " a tool to healing and awareness". And there were do it-yourself kits for palmistry. paper-making and building a windmill. This fast was on show, but was perforce powered on this occasion by electricity.
By-passing the alternative cigarette, the British Wheel of Yoga Friends of the Air, and the Coming World Teacher

(who will "transmit the ener-

gies of the hierarchy of masters"), I repaired to the snack bar, to join a pleasant young woman in brown munch-ing some nurty confection. She community in North Scotland, which she had joined 18 months which she had joined 18 months ago after working for the Council of Europe in Strasbourg.

She liked it there. "It's the direction I want to be going in", she explained. She liked the Festival of Mind and Body, too. "It's a vice feeling. All these people who think like this coming together and doing this

coming together and doing this and doing it so well." Those who subscribe to the sub-culture will, like her, have a grand time. Others will be analyses of the problems facing mankind not to mention the varying solutions offered.

Responsibility

The country's designers are not much interested in social res-ponsibility. The Design and Industries Association, at any rate, was disappointed to receive only 12 entries for a £2,500 award "for research into projects of socially responsible design". The dozen, however, displayed

wide variety of notions for improving our way of life. They ranged from schemes to pro-more the cultivation of turnips in Ireland to a gadget for helping people who wear contact lenses to fit them in place. Other ideas included perch

searing designed to inhibit hooliganism at football grounds and window blinds which, it was claimed, would prevent heat loss through the glass. The winners, Ian Barwell and David Weightman, had designed a better bicycle, simplified in construction so that it could be sold in kit form and put to-



a tricycle for carrying heavier loads, or two child passengers, and with a fourth wheel the bike can be fitted with a trailer. All, they estimate, for about the present price of an ordinary shopping bicycle. If that is not socially responsible the Design and Industries Association do not know what is,

Scaring

The trouble with scarecrows is that they do not scare crows. A small firm in Leicester has been doing good business inventing more elaborate hird frightening devices, and yesterday they launched their latest ornitholaunched their tates, the logical terror machine, the ether at home. "Fly-Away Peter". It is Their bike also converts into claimed to be more effective

than the company's original "Flash Harry", and is certainly much quieter than their "Flash Banger", a device which makes loud noises at irregular

The Flyaway Peter is simplicity itself, consisting of three vanes each with a silhouette of a bird in different stages of flight. When it spins in breeze, it gives the impair of a bird flapping its wating like the earliest applicates. The ignorant bird supposed to thank it is one can follow.

But birds are not as stupid as all that, and you have to ke ramoving the device around the moving the device around the field, otherwise they soon co. to realise that it is a £19.50 bi scarer, and sit on it. James Lentell, the firm's general manager, recommends several devices grouped together, and moved formightly. "No bird scarer is perfect", he admitted.

Probably the best method is to use a Fly-Away Peter in con-junction with a Flash Banger, thus convincing the poor hungry crows that they have come face to face with a seagnil with a machine gun.

In an item about the Gathering of the Clans a fortnight agu l stated that Hercales Rabinson was Chief of the Galbraiths. He is anxious to point out that he lays no claim to the title (which I gather has no universally recognized holder) and verticed holder) and P worried lest his Stirlingship castle be beseiged by indignal Galbraiths. As a result of the article, he tells me, he, he placed archers on his battle ments, and they will stand door only when I publish this in rection.

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CULT VIOLENCE

roothal hodinans are threatming to become the cult crinings of the rate 190s, just as tedly boys, mods and rockers dominated the lite 1950; and skinkers were in the ascendant a decace later. Like their predecessors in youthful chimina and anti-social activities, bey lave been subjected to constant publicity, some
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No group in he community has a more rapidly rising crue rate than young pople, espeially those in their teens. Buy. laries and crimes o violence particular tend more and more to be committed by punger and younger people. The same is not just limited to the mestion of what to do with fooball hooli-gans. It is the much mre serious and more intractable issue of rising juvenile criminalty, which incorporates all the dificulties associated with the breadown of family life and disciplin in the home, bad housing and hvironment, and the current cisis in education. It brings in, to, the shortage of funds with which to combat delinquency effectively and the debate over the adeuacy or otherwise of the certs' powers to deal with young criminals appearing before them.

That does not mean that hotball hooliganism is not, in itself. a serious problem, and worby of attention both as a separae phenomenon, and as an example of the wider issue. There have been two distinct aspects of the measures put forward to stamp it out: the preventive and the punitive. The preventive side includes such proposals as the banking of alcohol on railway specials carrying fans to away matches, the carrying of identity card, greater control of its fans and responsibility for their action on the part of the football clubs and their supporters

bodies, special enclosures for visiting supporters, and, most recently, the attempt at totally excluding adherents of Man-chester United and Chelsea from away matches played by those teams.

That move has been largely publicized as representing a ban imposed by Mr Denis Howell, the Minister for Sport. In law, Mr Howell has no power to ban anyone from anywhere. What has in fact happened is that the Football League, after consultation with Mr Howell, the Football Association, and the police of the area affected, has ordered the clubs under its jurisdiction to make matches against those two clubs all-ticket affairs, with no allocation of tickets being made available to the visiting club, contrary to the usual custom. Manchester United fans for instance would only be able to purchase tickets in advance at the ground where the match is to be held, often far away, and therefore a discouraging expense.

It is too early to judge the effectiveness of such measures. Certainly, some "banned" fans are bound to overcome them, especially for matches not far away, but any reduction in the numbers of supporters being ble to gang together to wreak beir brand of mindless destrucon on innocent supporters of de opposing club, or on the pemises of that club or in the strounding streets, should have sone beneficial effect.

t the other end of the preess, considerable criticism has been expressed at the low leve of punishments imposed by he courts on those found to hve committed the various offenes which can loosely be brought under the umbrella of hoolianism. The Criminal Law Bill new making its way through Parliament will, when imple-mented increase the maximum fines that magistrates can mpose for those offences to 11,000 br adults and £200 for under is; but, as one magi-suate his already commented, what us are fines of those dimensions when there is no earthly possibility of the young-ter being able to pay it? The

provision in the Bill which allows the court to order a parent to pay a fine incorred by his child suffers from the same objection. A useful noncustodial alternative to imprisonment, the community service order, can be made only on adults, and, although it would be desirable to extend community service to juveniles under 17 as well, economic constraints, which have already imposed severe practical limitations on the scheme, rule that out at this stage.

Probably the most effective punitive measures, at least in the short run, available to magistrates' courts are the attendance centre and detention centre orders. Making a young football hooligan turn up on successive Saturday afternoons at an attendance centre makes the punishment fit the crime most appositely, since it prevents the youth from attending what is presum-ably one of the highlights of his week, his team's match. There are sixty junior attendance centres for those between fourteen and seventeen, but only two for older youths, from seventeen to 21, the age group responsible for much of the violence associated with football matches. Places in detention centres, which involve an effective stay of six weeks for most fourteen to seventeen year olds, and up to four months for those between seventeen and twenty-one, are in equally short supply, with magis-trates often being unable to make orders committing youths to such centres because they have been told that no vacancies exist.

Inevitably, the call has arisen (with the manager of Manchester United being in the vanguard) for the reintroduction of corporal punishment for football hooligans. Understandable though such a reaction may be, it should be resisted. Birching has never been proved to have had any positive effect in the past, it carries with it for the offender a certain element of heroism, it is unlikely to prove a deterrent, and it is in any case contrary to the European Convention on Human Rights, as the recent finding by the European Commission on the practice in the Isle of Man indicates.

PAKISTAN'S STILL DISTUTED ELECTION

Six week after Pakistan went toigue to the pois the battle over the of protest sems more than the heterogeneous collection of opposition parties could command merely because of their disappointment. The number of demonstrators, women strongly represented i significant in many smaller cities besides Lahore and karachi. There is more to this than electoral injustice. Everyone agrees that rigging went of but there is also general agreement that Mr Bhutto's Peoples Party would have won by an adequate majority even without any

rigging at all. So what burning questions snimate the deponstrators?
Greater autonomy for Baluchistan and the North-Vest Frontier Province? Howevel much the inhabitants may fee wronged, they are a minority whin Pakistan and their concers do not particularly exercise in majority Punjabis. Economic ad social Table Square policy? Neither playe an important part in the ections. Religion? It is true fat the opposition Pakistan Arional OF SERVICE Alliance embraces some stict or reactionary religious arties which feel that Pakistan's Musand sections that make the control of the control o lin character is not sufficiently minifest in the ordering of the country. But on this pointMr CONTROL OF THE PARTY OF THE PAR Bhitto has given in-albeit ith

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From Mr John Allen Sir, Mr ligh Jenkins is reported system of ninisterial appointments to the Ars Council, proposing Your faithfully,

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The most important objection to this principle is that it would remove ultimae control of a major item of puri: expenditure from the government which is, after all, representative in a more fundamental sens of the public as a whole, and substitute control by bodies and adividuals with vested devised to lossiliz the existing pattern of public apport for the arts and thereby it exclude the possibility of subidizing new centures from a great whose total D value remains outait.

artists and art |consumers ".

cheek-without This goes back first to 1954 assuaging the opposition.

gency and its evere constraints on the pres and political freedom. Did the opposition believe it was lading a crusade for political freelom in Pakistan against Mr Bhuto such as the Janata Party led n India against Mrs Ghandi? Ind was Mrs Gandhi's astonishing defeat an undoubted fillip h the opposition protests agailst Pakistan's rigged election? Yes in each case, probably, but Pakistan is not India; there is still an element of disruptie and illdirected agitation.

What is unhappill true of Pakistan is that its statility as a new state is still in quistion. Its politics are more regional than national. Instead of ccepted irrigation channels through which the political waters flow, the country is liable to occisional disorderly floods. And the more the waters have risen the more Bhutto's attempts to command them have proved itade-quate. Not least, the opposition leaders have been spurred\on by the desertions Mr Bhutto as suffered from his own party

since the troubles began. Any attempt to perceive a way out of the present impasse must sadly return to Pakistan's record of military rule or of military influence in the background

when General Iskander Mirza election esuit is still being that leave as an object of took office as Governor-General, then 1958 when he was evicted by Field Marshal Ayub Khan endearing and that must be coupled with he state of emer-Khan. When Mr Bhutto succeeded that last failed General he had indeed a substantial electoral success behind him in the 1970 elections. But he had also the backing of military leaders who had had a hand in the eviction of Marshal Ayub and later of General Yahya Khan. Two of those then directly involved. Air Marshal Rahim Khan and General Gul Hasan, are among those who have now deserted Mr Bhutto from their distant posts of partial exile as ambassadors in Madrid and Athens.

The crisis may now be such that only army mediation will settle it. The opposition will hope that their ranks will first be inspected for a likely alternative to Mr Bhutto. In this respect Pakistan's opposition alliance is very different from India's. No one of the calibre of Mr Jayaprakash Narayan or Mr Morarji Desai or Mr Jagjivan Ram or even of the Jana Sangh leaders will be found among Pakistan's opposition group. Nor are fresh elections likely to throw up a suitable candidate if Mr Bhutto is finally forced to call them. Pakistan may have to soldier on with the best prime minister it has got.

The fallacy underlying Mr Jenkins's opposition of oligarchy and democracy in the Arts Council may be the idea of fairness in allocating money for the arts. Can it be fair that Birmingham has a better collection of pre-Raphaelite paintings than Edinburgh? Is in fair that 3,000 people in Scotland should see the Stuttgart Opera vived of this experience? For that hatter, is it right, in a democracy, that symphony orchestras should be auxidized by the state while brass hads are not? Until the uniform conumption of approved culture approved culture approved to the control of th blomes compulsory, it is logical to averament to delegate its respossibility for making essentially artitrary decisions to an Arts Council consisting of people appointed for their ability and imagination andfree from the need to represent the pecial interests of individuals or oganizations.

JOHA B. ALLEN, 14 Ear Mayfield, Edinbergh 9.

Rightsand wrongs

From Proessor Marcus Cunliffe Sir, Profesor A. L. Goodhart sugserts (Apil 14) that pursuit of happiness, he phrase adopted by Thomas Jederson in the American Declaration of Independence, means something duite different from property (in the sense of life, liberty, and poperty) as used by John Locke. Listorians still argue over what Jefferon intended. There is evidence that he was uneasy about ccepting property as an inherent tural right.

However,
(a) pursuit of happiness was not a new coinage; and in David Hume, or for that matter in Locke, who on for that matter in Locke, who employs it at least three times, pursuit of happiness seems nearly syhunymous with property, which is also a large and vague term. The two notions are linked in other American manifestos of 1776—for example in the Virginia Bill of Rights, where men's inherent rights are said to comprise "the enjoyment of life and liberty, with the means of acquiring and possessing property, and pursuing and obtaining happiness and safety"

(b) Tom Paine thus did not originate pursuit of happiness (and,

nate pursuit of happiness (and, incidentally, "These are the times that try men's souls" is not from his Common Sense but from his rst Crisis paper)
(c) Jefferson in general believed that the rights of property and the rights of man were indissolubly con-

nected

(d) man for him was mainly white man. Though he hoped to see the end of slavery (and of Negroes) in the United States, he never directly charted challenged the view that chattel slavery was a legitimate form of property (Duncan J. MacLeod, Slavery, Race and the American Revolution). He retained his own slaves, sometimes selling them off to meet expenses, and in his will freed only five out of more than 260.

MARCUS CUNLIFFE, Professor of American Studies, The University of Sussex, Arts Building Falmer. Brighton, Sussex.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Intervention in Africa

From Projessor F. S. Northedge
Sir, "Mr Callaghan warns Russia
against meddling in Africa" roos
your headline (April 18). Warns?
What sort of sanctions does he have
in mind if the "warning" is not
heeded? There are absolutely
none. So what is the sense of
such a warning? And what is the
morality of it either? Russia
meddling? Britain has "meddled"
more in the affairs of other countries in every part of the globe meddling? Isritain has meddled more in the affairs of other countries in every part of the globe in the past 200 years than any other state. And, as for our closest allies, the United States, for mine recent years it pillaged and killed with all the force of the greatest military power in history in Vietnam, a country which had no quarrel with the United States, which neither intended nor did any harm to the United States. Then the Americans withdrew, saying it had all been a mistake, but with no syllable of regret ever nttered by any highly placed American leader. Surely it would be wiser for our Prime Minister to maintain a decent silence about meddling.

But, in any case, what has meddling in any case, what has meddling in a frical got to do with défente, which Mr Callagham also talked about, according to your report? The Russians have always made clear that they mean by

report? The Russians have always made clear that they mean by detente the avoidance of international war between East and West while political competition goes on as before, and what is wrong with that? Does Mr Callaghan expect the Russians to refram from taking any political advantage they can from our own blunders in Africa and elsewhere? Why should they, and what is there in the detente which requires them to? It is an appalling situation if in their struggle against racialism Africans have to turn to Russia when the West offers them little help, and then we take it upon ourselves to "warn" the Russians against answering their appeals.

Yours fairhfully,
F. S. NORTHEDGE.

F. S. NORTHEDGE. Professor of International Relations,
The London School of Economics
and Political Science.
Houghton Street, WC2.

Decline in Christianity

From the Rev G. M. P. Hamilton Sir, Bill McSweeney (article, April 16) divides the clergy responding to the signs of decline into four groups. As an Anglican who has ministered for many years outside the parish system I think he misjudges an important issue.

The ecumenically committed do not work for remoin to refill the

The ecumenically committed do not work for reunion to refill the pews but as part of the continuing work of the whole church in its historic diversity at the service of the secular world. He describes some of us as welcoming a drop in membership as a sign of health as if we were concerned for the health of the church. What matters to us is the health of society. We reckon that we serve the one institution that we serve the one institution which can suffer any amount of corruption and remain essentially the real source of health in a sick

He points to a group of us who see the present decline as but a trough and not an irreversible process; he cites the Reformation, the Enlightenment and nineteenth century liberalism as stages in the demise of organized Christianity, A wider view is more appropriate. At first the church was a disruptive, heretical sect. After surviving persecution it was called on to provide the sacred ambience for the imperial authority. In the period to which Bill McSweeney would restrict our gaze it has been living between the reunants of that sacred edifice and the human rebellion against it. To have come to terms with the structures of the modern world, to have survived the two world wars and to be deploying its ministry afresh would seem to be a sign not of demise but of essential life. The church has a

long memory.

Finally he points to a group of us, so far as I can understand him, who see the church as detached from historical constraints and disembodied: the spiritualist approach. However is it not remarkable how few clergy have fallen for the temptation to use the traditional language and emotional re-sources of the church to offer security and self-esteem to people ripe for any sort of religion? I am aware, on the contrary, of a genuine concern among clergy for the world as it is, and of attempts so to understand the gospel as to make it available to truly puzzled people living in the structures of the modern world.

In the Church of England we inherit a parish system designed for Saxon England, parishes used as livings for literate gentlemen and an establishment tying us to the English parliament. To make such an institution work demands sensitivity and competence on the part of the parish clergy. It may be they lack the leadership they deserve but I do not see them, or the rest of us, divided as Bill Mc-Sweeney would divide us. Yours faithfully, G. M. P. HAMILTON,

The CoHege of Ripon and York St John. Lord Mayor's Walk, York.

Training social workers

From Mrs J. M. Lait Sir, If a cutback in funds for training social workers evokes from practitioners a rigorous analysis of the tasks for which training is appropriate, and an equally searching look at the relevance and possible irrelevance of the training presently provided for such tasks, we may have fewer extravagant claims about the need for training and possibly save even more money. No British study known to me has satisfactorily established that trained social workers are more effective than untrained, though measurement of success where ob-jectives are so nebulous is difficult indeed. More evidence, less

Yours sincerely. M. LAIT, Lecturer in Social Policy and Social Work, University College of Swansea. Singleton Park, Swansea.

Reforming the electoral system

From Mr Stephen Lees Sir, Ronald Burt (April 14) is right to point our some of the essential differences between the European Parliament and the Westminster Parliament but the conclusions he draws about alternative methods of election commend themselves less readily. He poses the question less readily. He poses the question "But why should not policies be changed hook-line-and-sinker if they fail and if the electorate wishes?" implying that this is one of the benefits of our present electoral system which would be removed by proportional representation.

The reverse is true. Our present system does not ensure any cor-relation between the wishes of the relation between the waters in the electorate and changes of government as the examples of 1951 and February, 1974, clearly demonstrate: in 1951 the Labour Party received 48.8 per cent of the votes cast (the highest percentage it the state of the state ever achieved) exceeding the Tory vote by 230,000 (which were only partly offset by the foor uncon-tested Ulster Unionist seats) but yet they lost office. Under propor-tional representation, if the elector wishes in Mr Butt's phrase "to get totally reversed something doesn't like all he needs achieve this is that a majority of his fellow electors should agree

with him—perhaps not an noreason able prerequisite. Mr Butt asks why everything should be at the mercy of the centre, to the exclusion of the Labour left and the Tory right. Why indeed? Bur proportional representation has no inherent preference for the middle of the road, no bias against the extremes. A government of the middle ground, just like any other government, could only be formed if the electorme voted for candidates holding those particular views. Is that not the basis on which our govern-ments should be formed? Yours faithfully, STEPHEN LEES, Ailsa Court, Chesterton Road, Cambridge.

From Mr Christopher Manheus Sir. But the electoral system pre-ferred by Mr Butt (The Times, April 14) is preferred, according to the polis, by only 15 per cent of

the electorate. The sarisfaction Mr
Butt feels when he votes "X" is
obviously not shared by many of
his fellow citizens.

Mr Butt ignores the most important point of all: the British
people's right to use the electoral
system they prefer. Why should
we be compelled to use a system
we dislike simply because the Tory
and Labour parties (unlike most of
their voters and many of their MPs)
prefer it and profit from it?

The situation was much the same
in the years before the great Reform
Act of 1822. Then, as now, the
British peop'e insistently demanded
electoral reform. Then, as now,
they were held back, temporarily,
by political interests fighting stubboroughs".

Yours, etc.

Yours, etc.
CHRISTOPHER MAYHEW,
Chairman, Liberal Action Group
for Electoral Reform,
1 Whitehali Place, SW1.

From Dr John Sleigh

Sir. It may be that what we enjoy in this country cannot accurately be described as an elective dictatorship. However, it can most certainly be accurately described as an elective self-perpetuating alternating oligarchy, in which the gerryman-dering inevitable in our uniquely ourrageous electoral system en-sures that so long as our two major political parties can alternate in getting something approaching 40, per cent of those voting (and a percentage steadily folling below 30 of an increasingly disillusioned electorate who see that the system pre-vents the rise of a third party and do not vote for it) to vote for them, they can claim a mandate to carry on their socially, politically and economically destructive see-saw or tug-of-war for ever, or until the country collapses into chaos and anarchy, whichever comes first (no notice for the anarchy). No doubt all prize for the answer). No doubt all this is very fine, and highly accept-able to Mr Callaghan and hirs Thatcher, and Mr Ronald Butt, whose article on electoral reform appears in yesterday's The Times (April 15), but only by wilful self deception can it be called deception democracy. Yours fairhfully, JOHN SLEIGH, 37 The Gresleys, Ross on Wye, Herefordshire.

Teachers' morale From Mr J. L. Norden

Sir, The attack on the teaching profession in your leading article on April 14, is as unworthy of your own traditions as it is of the cause of educarion.

True enough, there are people with no names at the Department of Education and Science who have too much power, just as arrogance combined with ignorance has just occasionally been found in the corridors of the Teachers' Union Headquarters !
All this, however, has little to do

with the morale, motives and competence of the teacher at the "coal Some of us may have been misled into accepting the nostrums and fads of the "silly Sixties", whether because we thought we were not up to date if we resisted them, or because we were afraid that we would otherwise miss promotion, but this was only to be expected of human fraity. The average teacher still wants to do a good job for good pay, in the best interests of the children and the

country. To seek to make a scancenst of him (or her) is nothing short of disgraceful, when there are so many "educationists" — administrators. lecturers, writers, and so-called whose personal fortunes and public reputations have been founded on their own follies. It is they, rather than the Profession, who deserve to be called to account.

L. NORDEN, Principal Davies's. 66 Southampton Row, WC1. April 14.

From Mr J. Babb Sir, Your leading article of April 14 discusses the current unease within the teaching profession without mention of what I feel are some of content.

Nipatever one's artifude to the comprehensive system, there is no doubt that in some authorities comprehensive reorganization has taken place without sufficient finance, using old buildings unsuitable for their new use.
ii. The present financial restric-

the most crucial reasons for dis-

tions, with school captation allowances being cut or remaining the same in successive years, will mean that the teacher in the classroom will have to make real cuts in the equipment and materials they use. (One has to wonder what the reaction of other professions and industries would be if they had their tools and equipment cut.) If the school is being reorganized at the same time, and new courses introduced, then the teacher is in a very difficult situation.

iii. The random effects of the policy of non-replacement of ancil-lary staff creates problems. If a school laboratory assistant leaves and is not replaced is practical work to stop? In practice the teacher has to take over the job of the laboratory assistant as well. (What would the reaction in certain industries be so this type of simarion ?)

iv. The fall in birth rate could have been used to improve the teacher-pupil ratio in certain critical areas, instead of reducing the number of teachers.

The above points do not mean, I think, that the education system should be immune from financial restrictions. However, explain why teuchers feel dis-illusioned and this effect scems to be paralleled in the medical profes-sion which has suffered from the same sort of restrictions. Yours faithfully,

188 Merrivale Road, Bearwood, Smethwick, West Midlands.

Aircraft noise From Mr Geoifrey Holmes

Sir, The British Airports Authority naturally want, without further ado, a fourth terminal at Heathrow and are even planning for a fifth. It is this past practice of expansion by ill considered incremental growth that has led to the acute

rowth that has led to the access noise nuisance and surface access congestion, not to mention other problems, that exist today.

The ripole effects of the current proposals would be felt far and wide, much further than the few authorities who are now being con-sulted directly. It may be a bother for the Government, but that is why she immediate requirement is a public inquiry into the need

and timing for a fourth terminal.

Mr Kenneth Warren, MP (letters,
April 16) ignores this aspect of
the previous correspondence but
is correct in his belief that
"quieter engines are needed
quickly". We need them to reduce awful nuisance suffered daily, and nightly, by hundreds of thou-sands of people. Our industry needs to produce them if we are to remain a proper aviation nation. We seem to be losing the race.

Sir, The Headmaster of Picardy School (April 12) asks where all the very bright young men and women are going, and suggests that if we redefine our terms we may

cerned, the bright young men and women are going into a wide variety of occupations. Many enter various forms of public service. Many train as accountants. Some enter the teaching profession. Others become solicitors, bankers, social workers and, even in these

The American industry, led by its Government, is leagues shead al-ready. The United States has made its "Aviation Noisa Abatement Policy" and is now establishing its "Program for the Reduction of Aircraft Noise". It is legislating to provide, by means of a ticket levy, for the "full financing of the modi-fication or the partial financing of the replacement of subsonic turbo jet powered airplanes" so that their manufacturers and internal airlines can comply with the Pro-

gram to reduce noise. Because other nations, including the United Kingdom, are still thinking, foreign carriers are for the time being excluded from the requirements. They have to comply by 1985. Surely we should not just six and wait. Surely our country and our European friends chould acr our European friends should act now. That is the message that my colleagues and I shall be taking to both the European Union Against Aircraft Nuisance and the Council of Europe in Strasbourg on April 26. Yours faithfully, GEOFFREY HOLMES, Chief Environmental Health

Officer, Reading Borough Offices, Reading, Berkshire.

Where are thev? From Mr W. P. Kirkman.

find the picture is not as black as it is being painted. So far as Cambridge is con-

hard times, university teachers and researchers. Last year, at least, more entered manufacturing industry than had been customary in the

past few years. And so on. National figures suggest that the umber of students following number of students following science-based courses is on the increase again. Perhaps indeed the picture is not

as black as it is being painted. Yours faithfully, W. P. KIRKMAN, Secretary: University of Cambridge Appointments Board. Stuart House, Mill Lane, Cambridge. April 16.

Future of local broadcasting

From the Revd Geoffrey Curtis Sir, The Annan Report says that local radio is in a mess. The report, however, gives little evidence for mess, or for anything else in local

idio for that matter. Of all the recommendations in the report those for local radio could be the most immediately farreaching. And yet there is no detailed examination of any local station, no analysis of broadcasting's effect on any particular community, and no review of any specific programmes. This is a pity because a decade of work and development ought to be reviewed

at this stage, and an opportunity
has been missed.

The result of this apparent lack
of research has been to misunderstand the local broadcasting task in Britain. The only model which the report presents for our edification is from Canada. The vision of a knight errant on a bicycle running, presumably with the aid of a dog the small town station is engaging. But it does not correspond with the situation in this country, where communities are crowded together in such a way that securate air space is impossible. What is surely needed is a broadcasting system which will bring coherence to groups of communities. An instance of this would be the way in which radies Solent and Victory cover the

south east of Hamoshire.

The advantage of the dual BBC IBA system is that their stations can have the resources to give a sense of significance to local programmes, and that they also have access through their respective country. It is a most potent force for local identity if people feel that they can speak beyond their

local frontiers. The danger of the system proposed by Annan would be that it would be a patchwork rather than a network, and while local com-numities might feel some identity through radio they would be able to exert very little influence. Yours faithfully, GEOFFREY CURTIS, Communica-

tions Adviser. Guildford Diocese, The Vicurage, Clammer Hill Road, Nr Haslemere. Surrey. April 15.

From Mr Jack Jones

Sir, Your leading article today (April 15) rightly regrets the Annan report's proposal to close down BBC local radio. Of perhaps equal concern, though less publicized, is the suggestion in the report that BEC regional television should be would up or at best left with only a news function.

The quality of programmes from the regional stations, both in the nightly news magazine programmes and in the weekly (in winter twice weekly) feature programmes has been remarkable. Although production for the national network is not a specified function of the regional stations the output of BBC1 and BBC2 has been enriched by such contributions. Such outstanding series as Professor Burry Cunliffe's The Cradle of England, originally made at the Southampton studio centre, would not have seen the light of the cathode ray tube without the BBC's existing regional set-up. This achievement is the more remarkable in the context of the restricted resources on which the regional stations have to work. Lord Annan's committee diagnosed—rightly, in my view—that these stations were below the critical mass. Those of us on the BEC advisory bodies know how relatively little additional resources will make the regions really significant units, and in recent years we have wel-

cut down this developing venture Yours faithfully, JACK JONES, Chairman, BBC South Regional Advisory Council, Woodlands Cottage Marvel Lape. Newport.

this aim by EEC management. To

Preserving peonies

April 15.

From Mr John Fowles Sir, Steep Holm, the unique British station of the Wild Peopy referred to in Mr Loudon's letter (April 18), is now owned by the Kenneth All-sop Memorial Trust, of which I am chairman. We are doing all we can to save this magnificent plant. which is now down to three mature specimens on the island itself. The reasons for its decline since 1950 are complex, but a main one is change in the dominant undergrowth, in turn due to the milder

winters of the last two decades.

The principal task of propagating (from island seed) plants for reintroduction has kindly been undertaken by the Royal Botanical Cardens at Kew. In addition, Mr John Barrett, of Bristol, has successfully maintained a mainland colony for some years, and I have recently germinated seed myself. The problem indeed is rather less the species than the site.

Paeonia mascula was almost cer-tainly first introduced to Steep Holm in the twelfth century by the monks of the then priory on the island, since peony seed was an important anti-spasmodic in the ancient pharmacopoeia. Many other unexpected plant species on the island also come from this source. Because of its isolation Steep Holm remains botanically a bizarre "liv-ing fossil"—of a medieval medicinal garden. Let me add finally that a chief

aim of the Trust is to increase public interest in natural history and we are always most happy to arrange visits. The island contains much else of interest besides the Peony. Yours faithfully,

JOHN FOWLES, Chairman, enneth Allsop Memorial Trust, Клоск-па-сте, Milborne Port. Sherborne, Dorset. April 18.

Ale P. D. Chefwynd and Miss E. E. Hoade

Oxfordshire.

Mr T. Hoffmann

and Miss E. E. Hoade
The engagement is announced between Paul Derrick, twin son of Mr and Mrs Gordon Chetwynd. of New House Farm, Over Whitacre, Warwickshire, and Emaa Elizabeth, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Christopher Hoade. of Tadmarton Lodge, Banbury, Oxforishire.

Mr A. M. Ennever and Miss K. F. J. Nicholson The ongagement is announced between Michael, only son of Commander C. C. Ennever, RN

(reid), and Mrs Ennever, of Lakchurst, Ashbursham, Sussex, and Kirsty, only daughter of Mr and Mrs I. H. Nicholson, of Pullingers Farm, Hattingley,

Miss X. Glowacki-Prus

An engagement is surrounced between Theodore, son of the late Mr Boris Holfmann and of Mrs Tatiana Hoffmann, of Essen,

Cermany, and Xenia, eldest daughter of M B. Glowackl-Prus and Mue Glowackl-Prus (Dr T. Guercken), of 6 Essex Villas, London, W.8.

Mr C. P. Stevens and Miss V. L. Quill The engagement is announced between Philip, second son of Mr and Mrs Charles Stevens, of La

Grange, St Mary, Jersey, and Virginia, younger daughter of Mr Jeffrey Quill, of 120A Mauerkir-chestrasec, Munich, West Ger-many, and the late Mrs Pamela

Mr M. R. F. Wikins and Miss S. A. Dupree
The engagement is announced between Michael, son of the late Mr Geoffrey Wilkins and of Mrs Geoffrey Wilkins, of 3 Regency Terrace, London, SW7, and Sally, daughter of Mr Tom Dupree, of Counes, and Mrs Anne Dupree, of 47B Princes Gardens, London, SW7.

The marriage took place on Saturday at St Mary the Virgin, East Bergholt, of Mr Nigel Ian Hollick, only son of Mr and Mrs Ian Hollick, of Wormleighton, Warvickshire, and Miss Amanda Elizabeth Sume older daughter

warvicksone, and Miss Amanda Flizabeth Stone, clder daughter of Mr and Mrs Stuart Stone, of East Bergholt, Suffolk. The Rev B. Beckerles officiated. The blessing was given by Canon G. H. Parks.

The marriage took place on April 15 at Boiney parish church between Mr Michael Braithwaite and Mrs Lise Marie Demetriadi.

of the Master, to inaugurate the

St Bartholomew's Jubilee Festival and the St Bartholomew-the-Great Music Trust. Among those present

were:
Lond and Lady Clwyd, Sir Lemon and
Lady Borkolor, Sir Cillion and Lady
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Bornolom, Sir Denis and Lady Truscolt, Mrs. Roinh
Sir Denis and Lady Truscolt, Mrs. Roinh
Vaughan Williams, Alderman and Mrs.
Peter Indexes Morgis, the Rav Dr one.
Sirs Andrew Morgis, the Mrs Dr one.
Sirs Andrew Morgis and Mrs Dr one.
Sirs Andrew Morgis and

Printers' Charitable Corporation A luncheon was held yesterday at the Minhelle restainant to mark the 150th anniversary of the Frinters' Charitable Corporation.

Arterers Cuaritatic Corporation.
Air Eric Cheadle, chairman of the
council and a former president,
welcomed Viscount Kensley, Lord
Goodman and the Hon Vere
Harmsworth, former presidents.

Commodore Peter Scoll, Mr John Mackiniosh, MP, Mr Winston S. Churchill, MP, Mrs Alexander Hais, Mr and Mrs Douglas Cater, Major and the Mrs Douglas Cater, Major and the Mrs Mrhur Hockaday, Mr II. Th. Schaanveld, Mr H. K. Noebel, Mr L. J. M. Sutherland, Mr R. Anderson, Dr. Christoph Berlam, Mr Rose P. Drane, Mr Liengo Suruki and Mr T. M. Hybergand.

Luncheon

Mr M. W. Braithwalte and Mrs L. M. Demetriadi

Marriages

Mr N. J. Hollick and Miss A. E. Stone



Forthcoming

Dr the Hon J. P. H. Runt and Miss' M. Kuhlmann The engagement is announced

Mr A. J. Butcher
and Miss M. E. Phimester
The engagement is announced
between Andrew, second son of
Dr and Mrs Noel Butcher, of
Lavant, Chichester, and Mary,
elder daughter of Mr and Mrs
W. Allan Phimester, of Wills
Grove, Mill Hill, NW7.

Mr D. J. Chalke and Miss K. M. Watt The engagement is announced between David, only son of Dr and Mrs H. D. Chalke, of Porthcawl. Glamorgan, and Katrina. elder daughter of Mr and Mrs S. J. D. Watt, of Merricks North, Victoria, Australia.

Mr C. L. Coppack and Miss P. M. Eromhead The engagement is announced between Christopher, son of Mr and Mrs R. H. Coppack, of Ponteland, Northomberland, and Problem of Christopher of

romeiand, normaniseriand, and Pauki, youngest daughter of Major J. Bromhead and the late Mrs Brombead, of Timberley Farm, Putborough, Sussex.

and Miss L. Garson
The engagement is announced
and the marriage will take place
shortly between Peter, youngest
son of Mr and Mrs Basil Payne,
of The Boathouse, Dartmouth, and
Lucille, only daughter of Mr and
Mrs Jack Garson, of Melbourne.

Mr R. S. Shorter and Miss A. M. West-Watson The engagement is announced between Richard, son of Mr and

Airs C. S. Shorter, of Paignton, Devon, and Anne, daughter of Major and Airs E. C. V. West-Wotson, of Ashtead, Surrey.

Mr G. S. Thomas and Miss C. A. Warne The engagement is announced hetween Godfrey, son of Mr and Mrs H. C. Thomas, of Welberton,

Sussax, and Caroline, eidert daughter of Mrs M. M. Warne and the late L. G. G. Warne, of Hen-

Mr G. D. Whittie and Miss C. M. Cremer-Evans
The engagement is announced between Geoffrey, eldest son of Mr and Mrs R. Whittie, of Fleet-bridge, Poole, Dorset, and Cherrie, third daughter of Mr and Mrs E. A. Cremer-Evans, of The Old Vicarage, Streatley, Berkshire.

Monday Club
The Africa Group of the Monday
Club held a reception at 7
Cadugan Court Gardens (by permission of Mrs B. Carrell) yesterday evening in honour of the
Dowager Lady Forester, who was
the guest speaker. Mr Harold
Sorel was in the chair and Colonel
Colin Mitchell also spoke. Those
present included:
Lady Halley, Sir Edgar Koninge, Mr
and Mrs Ian Greis, Mr Godric Gunnury,
Mr Harold Rhys Mr Codric Gunnury,
Mr Harold Rhys Mr And Mrs
Lauric Caddell, Miss Diana Gadesten,
Mrs Joan Hassell, Miss Joan Mason,
Miles Airne Sheriock and Miss Melanie
Bynonds.

Receptions

Monday Club

Mr P. M. Payne and Miss L. Garson The engagement i

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WINDSOR CASTLE WINDSOR CASTLE
April 19: The King of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan visited
The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh at Windsor Castle today and
revained to luncheon.
The Prime Minister and Mrs
Cellaghan, His Excellency the High
Commissioner for The Gambia and

Mrs Semena-Janneh, His Excel-lency the Algerian Ambassador and Mrs Brahlmi, Sir Poul and Ledy Reilly, Sir Richard and Lady Dobsen, Miss Rosemary Murray and the Reverend Dr Colla and

And the Reverence of Contact and Mirs Morris arrived at Windsor Castle this evening.

The Right Hon James Callaghan, MP (Prime Minister and First Lord of the Treasury) had an audience of Her Majesty.

KENSINGTON PALACE April 19: The Duke of Gloucester toured the Alekropolitan District toured the Metropolical District of Calderdale and visited the Mytholmroyd Community Centre, the Jubilee Adventure Play Ground and the Borough Market. His Royal Highness was entertained to lunch by the Mayor, Councillor Mrs Moua Mitchell, in the Town Hall, Hellfax.

In the atternoon His Royal Highness visited a Youth and a

In the afternoon His Royal Highness visited a Youth and a Textile Display at the Piece Hall, the Hollfax General Hospital, Crostel Limited, Textile Engineers, and the Halifax Building Society. In the evening His Royal Highness attended a Gala Concert at the Halifax Civic Theatre.

Lieutenant-Colonel Simon Bland was in attendance.

A memorial service for Mrs Cecil Woodham-Smith will be held at St James's Church. Piccadilly, Loudon, Wi, on Friday, April 29, 1977, at 2000.

Boruber Command will hold a re-union dianer in honour of Air Chief Marshal Sir Arthur Harris. RAF Bomber Command 1942-45. at Grosvenor House on April 30. The organizer is H. R. Pitcher, 60 Coppetts Road, N10 (Tel: 01-444 9454).

Birthdays today Major-General Sir Charles Dun-pille, 75; Sir Arnold France, 66; Sir Solomon Hochoy, 72; Sir Robert Marett, 70; Sir Hilton Pornton, 72; Professor G. O. Soyles, 76; Sir William Steward,

Today's engagements The Queen, accomposied by the Duke of Edinburgh, presents new Colcurs to 1st Battallon, Scott Guards. Buckinghaen Palace, 11.30. The Queen plants are, Hyde Park, 2.45.

The Duke of Edicburgh, as president of Royal Yaching Association, presides at association's anoual general meeting, Tara Hotel, 4.

Hotel, 4.
Exhibition: Jan Van Gogen, poet of the Dutch landscape, Alan

Jaco's Gallery, Westminstor, 9.30-6.
Walk: Discovering London, the City, nect Tower Hill Underground studen, 7.30.

Requiem Mass

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Delegate was among those present.

Memorial service

Christie's

Viscountess Gough

A menorial service for Viscountess Gough was held yesterday at St Luke's with Holy Trinity, Charitott. The Rev Anthony Crowe officiated and Viscount Gough (son) and 'Mr T. R. C. Blofeld read the leasons. Among those present were; idr T. James; Lord Forestice, Field Marshal Sir Gerald and L.dy Templer and General Sir 1...dy Templer and General Sir

St Bortholomew's Festival

in New York

Dinners

Gardeners' Company

Mr Andrew Marria, Director of Music at the Priory Church of St Bartholomew-the-Great, was host sesteriay at a reception given at The Charterhouse, by permission

presided. Other guests in-

Cardinal E. Biayenda
Requiem Mass for Cardinal Emile
11:3) anda, of Brazzaville, was concelebrated yesterday in Westminster Cathedral by the Cardinal
Archbishop of Westminster and
members of the hierarchy of Engkand and Wales. The Apostolic
Delegate was among those present.

Foreign Affairs Club General Alexander M. Haig was the guest of honour at a diener held by the Foreign Affairs Club last night at the Savoy Hotel. Lord Carrington, chairman of the

cluded:
The Norwegian Ambassador, the
Ambassador of Jaran, Lord CordonValler, CH, Lord Greenhill of Harrow,
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Andrew J. Robertson, Calonel J.
Chupman, Mr John Glibert, MP, Air

The South African Amhassador presided at a dinner given by the South Africa Club last night at the Savoy Rotel, at which Lord Chalfont was guest of hotour. Among those present were: Larl and Countes Jellius, Mr. John Davies, MP. and Mr. Davies and Sp. Nicholas and Lrdy Caysor.

Service dinner Resex Yeomanny The Officers' Dining Club of the Essex Yeomanry beld its annual dinner at the Cavairy and Guards Club last night, Lieutenaor-Colonel Lord Chelmer presided and Major-General R. S. Broke was the guest of borour.

Latest wills

Mr Jaboz Barker, of Stevenage, Hertfordshire, metal and mach-Hertfordsture, metal and machlinery merchant. s racchorse
owner and former owner-trainer.
left £72.914 gross, net nil.
Other estates include iner, before
duty p.id, duty nor disclosed):
Balderston. Mr William Harry, of
Peterborough
Ealley, Mr Jack Henry, of Chipstead, Surrey, estate agent
5161,557
Goodwin. Mr Harold Ernest, of Goodwin, Mr Harold Ernest, of Kingstone, Staffordshire £154,383 Lail, Mrs Delcia Doroiny Avery, of Swindon £191,288

of Swindon ... 5191.238 Mott. Mr Thomas William John. of Ely ... \$480.650



with phil coloning in the coronal three stens of cach: Mrs J. Picciprison; ministers now so three syndia, there stens of cach: Mrs J. Octon. Colonoser.

There are few entries in the trade displays of carelllas, but the competitive classes are well

at Brighton Museum and Art Gallery.

Four RHS gold medals for

The Rhododendron Show is very poorly attended, no doubt because of the drought of last summer and

In the Royal National Rose Society's competition Mr E. F. Allen, of Copdock, won the Spring Competition Challenga Cup for the highest aggregate of poluts

and the RNRS stiver-gilt medal for the best rose exhibited by an amateur, with the lovely orange pink Tenerife.

The show is open again today from 10 am to 5 pm.

medal

the following awards:

daffodils in spring show

By Our Hordcultural Correspondent The Spring Show of the Royal Hordcultural Society, held in con-

The Spring Show of the Royal Horticultural Society, held in conjunction with the camellia, rhododendron and daffodil shows, is drawing large crowds of visitors to the society's New Hall in Vincent Square. Additional interest is created by the Alpine Garden Society and Royal National Rose Society and Royal National Rose Society competitions which are filling the Old Hall. The vagarles of the weather have not spoiled the many exhibits of daffodils. Four RHS gold medals have been awarded. Carncairn Daffodils, of co Angrim, have a large, well arranged stand and are displaying many old favourities as well as a number of new soedlings which should prove popular.

Rathowen Daffodils from Northern Ireland are also to be congratulated on their display, which cleebrates the sliver jubilee.

Mrs. Lionel Richardson, the third gold medal winner also comes from Ireland, and her display is creating great interest. The daffodil competition section has been highly competitive. The leading prize-winners are:

Grey biogen in show: 'Inventible to be callivery, raised by enhalter, one stem of sach: Mrs. I for a stem of sach: Mrs. I for stem of sach: Mrs. I had said the interest of sach: Mrs. I for a stem of sach: Mrs. Inventible for one stem of sach

Queen's Counsel: Miss Beryl Phyllis Cooper at the House of Lords yestorday, when she was sworn in as one of 30 new

burton, head of the BBC's northern region music staff in Manchester, who is to be head of music, radio, in succession to Miss Eleanor Warren.

Head of music: Dr Ernest War

Science report

Aviation: Ozone in the cabin

In recent weeks the crew and passengers on some commercial down isolated tongues or fingers. American jet flights have been complaining of irritation to eyes, that air will have higher toone contractables. complaining of irritation to eyes, nose and lungs that is charateristic of high ozone concentrations. The high level could be caused by a combination of higher, longer flights, unusual weather conditions and the formation of downward pointing. on of downward pointing tongues" of orone extending from the ozone-rich zone of the atmosphere at a much higher

atmosphere at a much higher altitude.

Uzone is formed in the strato-sphere at a height of 20 to 20km by the action of solar ultra-violet radiation on organ: the con-centration at that level is typically

one part per hundred thousand. At lower heights in the strato-sphere ozone is still present in dindushing quantities; typically at 13km the concentration rould be down to less than a part per million. Down in the well mired troposphere, however, there might be only one part of ezone per bundred million. But none of those flaures is fixed; there are variations both with latitude and time tious both with latitude and time of year. The tropopause, the boundary between troposphere and stratosphere, may be higher than 13km at the equator; at the Pole it may be no higher than 7km. In temperate latitudes it will rise and fall with the season, perhaps coming down to 5km in winter. There are two added cumplica-There are two added complica-tions. First, the ozone concentration in the lower stratosphere also

concentrations.

Jet aircraft normally travel fairly near to the tropopouse.

Thus, denonding on time of year and latitude, they will often pass into the stratosohere and he ex-posed to higher and variable orone levels. If the air intakes for a plane were to feed straight to the cabin, the levels would regularly be macceptably him.

But the air needs to be pres-surized—the outside pressure is only about one-fifth atmospheric -so normally cir is taken from some region in the creame at which it has a ready been compressed. Com-pression inevitably raises the temperature and hot ozone bracks up into oxygen, so the cabin receives only a small fraction of the ozone that enters the air latake.

Aircraft engineers have been aware of the cohin arone difficulty for many years and have generally regarded it as solved except under exceptional circumstantes. should it appear new? The answer is probably a combination of circumstances, unusual weather this year, the March-April peak and flights for longer times at greater heights.

It seems that the difficulty first surfaced on Pan American's non-stop New York to Tokyo flight using the new Beefin: 74:5P, an abhrechted 747 switchle fir very lone Highes of make hours or more. The 7455P of a fire at slight's prepter official sittan other jets and thereby cuts fuel con-

phere, and even a kilometre more in elevation implies a rise in transe level of several per cent. In addition long journey times in a pressurized cabin with rather dry air might possibly increase susceptibility to higher ozone levels.

The immediate reaction has been to limit the altitudes of long-range flebts. In any case, if tongues

of many the attractes of tongerange of come are encountered they are often passed through within half an hour. But in the longer term "technological fixes" are possible. For in-tance, air could be the form another many of the diaran from another part of the engine of still higher temperatures to increase the breakdown of ozone. Or the ozone could be broken down by being passed over in the meritime it is planned that some aircraft will carry ozonemonitoring desices to Judge the roll that, once the phenomenon becomes widely known, pilots will mistakenly attribute normal low hamidity symptoms (mouth also throat dryness to high ozone levels.

It subsumics can have the diffi-It subsumes can have the diffi-culty, why not Concorde, thing much higher in the stratosphere? Concorde's engines operate at higher temperatures, allowing more ozone to be dissociated. Furthermore, the shock wave ahead of the wing will introduce as sudden heating into the air just before intoke. Flually, as Con-torde supporters will point out, you are not up in the stratosphere as long as in the long-hauf sub-sonic oircraft.

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C. Nature-Times News Service,

Rembrandt drawing is bought for £21,102

By Huon Mallalieu

A Rembrandt drawing was sold by Sotheby Mak van Waay in Amsterdam on Monday evening for £21,102 (DH90,000). It was a pen and brown ink study of Nathan admonishing David, executed about 1652, and was included in the sale of the first part of the collection of Dutch. part of the collection of Dutch, Flemish and German drawings by the late C. R. Rudolf, the London the late C. R. Rudolf, the London denist. The drawing was bought by Steiner, a New York dealer.

A. Dutch dealer paid £15,474 (Df166,000) for a brown ink and wash drawing of a fishmonger's shop by Frans Snyders, and a German dealer £8,440 (Df166,000) for a brown ink and watercolour drawing of Minerva and the Muses by Johann Rottenhammer. Everything in the sale was sold, making a total of £148,195 (Df1632,050). In Johannesburg on Monday Sotheby Parke Bernet sold the De Waal diamond, a 1.58-carat stone cut from the Cullinan diamond. The diamond was the mond. The diamond was the property of the late Mrs Helena De Waal, and made 516,666 (Rand

25,000).
In London yesterday Sotheby's sold firearms and edged weapons for a total of \$72,276, with 3.6 per cent unsold, the second part of the Continental and Russian letters and manuscripts, producing 193,660, with 12 per cent unsold, and European ceramics, which made 528,808, with 4.5 per cent

The Dutch East India Company bronze cannon from the Witte Leeuw sold to a private buyer for £9,000 (estimate £5,000 to £10,000). Another private buyer paid £4,000 for a fowling piece by Le Page, presented by Napoleon to Marshal Davoust (estimate £3,000 to

54,000).

The Emperor also featured in the antiograph sale; a letter from him to his brother Joseph dated 1756 and describing his love for Josephina sold for 53,500 (estimate 53,000 to 53,500).

Christie's too had a brow day. A portrait of Leopold, the son of Princess Beatrice, Queen Victoria's youngest child, which is part of an exhibition of royal children

mate 53.000 to 53.300).

Christie's too had a brow day. Pictures and garden furniture at Chestham Pork made £130,573, making a total for the two-day sple of £363,339. A still-life by Jacob Morrel made £10.000 (estimate £5,000 to £8.000), and "Shirping in a caim" by Jan van Os, £9,500 (estimate £6,000 to £3,000).

A statue of the Apollo Belvedere, made in the nineteenth centary, sold to Crowther for £3.200 (estimate £1,000 to £1,500) and Venetian Istrian stone well-head made £1,800 (estimate £1,000 to £1,500).

In London Christie's sold Japanese ceramics, lacquer and bronzes and Art Nouveau, Art Deco and studio pottery. The Japanese sale made a total of £15,181, with some 3 per cent bought in. The Art Nouveau sale made £45,795, with 5 per cent unsold. Additional colour in the New Holl is created by trade exhibits of some delightful alpine plants, housais, white, yellow, pink and orange Iceland poppies, and unusual display of pinks, ferns and pausies from the West Country, and a number of house plants including ivies, vriesen, sechmen and marantn. The committees made the following awards:

i irst class certificate: Erica Justianica, off-white flowers, the Director. Rotal Butanic Gardena, Kew. off-white Grovers, the Directur. Royal Buschit. Gardena, Kew. Buschit. Gardena, Kew. Busch. Gardena, Marie of merit: Camella, mailfort, mail double pink, the Director, Royal listing: Carriena, Kew. Buschoff, Marie of Carriera, Mattonal Trust for Scotland, Isle of Arran. Carriera, Carri The summer half at Eton College begins today with 20 new boys. The total in the school is 1,244. The Hon P. D. P. Astor. KS, is captain of the school and K. A. Simon, OS, captain of the Oppidana.

The corps tateon will be on the evening of June 3. The Fourth of June will be celebrated next day; this is also the beginning of long

St David's College. Llandudno

The Summer Term begins on April 20. The school captain is S. Pagel-Brown. There will be a fete of Saturday, June 13. The guest of honour on speech day, Friday, July 8, will be Sir George Edwards, OM, and term ends the same evening. O.J. Cricket Week begins on July 9.

Taunton School

Term commences today. Old Tanutorian Weekend will be from Tauntonian Weekend will be from June 4 to 6.

Orpheus in the Underworld will be performed at the end of term, when the chief guest at prize existing will be Fril Wadnettre. The preacher at the Commemoration Service will be the Rev R. A. Mason, Senior Tutor of Regent's Park College, Oxford,

The appeal laurched for \$170,000 bas now reached this total.

From The Times of Saturday, April 19, 1952

Reparations for Israel The onsatisfactory outcome of the first stage of the talks which have been taking place at Wassenaar been toking place at Wassenaar near The Hague on German repara-tions to Israel has given rise to a good deal of disappointment among Mr Bee-Gurion's supporters in the Knesset—the Parliament of Israel. Feeling rans so birth in Israel because of the persecution of Jews in Germany under Hitler's direc-tion that Mr Ben-Gurioo had diffi-culty in persuading the Knesset culty in persuading the Knesset even to spection the talks --hy sixty-one votes to fifty. That there was a majority at all for the government proposal was due in part of least to the clupsey attempt of the Heruti Party (the former Irgun Zvai Leumi) to influence the Register against it by men demonstrations. The talks will be resumed next month. If they should sumes next month, it they should finally fail to satisfy Israel's claims it will be a serious blow to Mr Ben-Gurion's prestige. Mr Ben-Gurion believes that Germany should return the plunder stolen from the Jews provided this can be done without any condension.

OBITUARY

MR ALEX WOLCOUGH Achievements of the Shell Film Unit

M. A. E. and E. A. write: In 1933 he read't accepted At a time when further son. Grieson's rhesis that industry, port for the acts is being sought should use art as a nears to its from industry, it is particularly social salvation, and in particular proportiate to comment on the lar har that the particular proportiate to comment on the lar har that the particular proportial is a second of the large property of the

from industry, is is particularly appropriate to comment on the recent death of Alex Wolcough for it was he who promoted and sustained over a period of more than 30 years the achievements of the Shell Film Unit.

If he was, as John Grierson said, one of the imost powerful public patrons of our age and one of the great servants of the oil industry his background encouraged such compatibilities. Born in Russia in 1901, he speut his childhood in Tsarskar Selo. His father, Admiral Vol. Selo. His father, Admiral Volultimately became the Russiah Navai Attaché in London, After unable to return to Russia. Young Wikough completed his great industrial system which Wolcough Wikough completed his great industrial system. Young Wikough completed his education at Winchester, and

MR CHARLES SMITH

Price Oil?

Eton College

leare, which ends on June 8.

The Winchester match will be played at Winchester on June 17 and 18 and the Harrow match at Lord's on July 9 and 10. The half ends on July 8.

St Audries School

The Summer Term begins today. The band of the School Nursing Cader Division has been invited to play at the St John Ambolance centenary celebrations in St Paul's Cathedral. London, on June 25, and in Guarnsey on July 9 and 10. Speech Day, which will be on July 14, will include a performance of A Midsummer Night's Dream and an Exhibition of Life, 1837-1977. Term lends on July 15.

LIBRATIONIO

The Summer Term begins today.
Mr G. C. David takes over as
Housemaster of Snowdon. S. J. L.
Bernard is head of school. J. B. K.
Howell is captain of cricket. The
exeat starts on Friday, June 3
and ends on Wednesday, June 8.
Athlotic Sports take place on Saturdey. June 25. and Open Day is
on Saturday, July 9. Term ends
on July 9.

St John's School. Leatherhead

25 years ago

done without any condonation either of the criminals or the crime. . He also believes that if Germany meets the cost of resetting in Israel the half-million Jewish refunces who come from

rangitz team of fim craftsmen, and projected in diverse

went on to Antwerp.

On joining Shell, he began a fir communicating mans distinguished career, mainly in publicity and public relations, tents prove to be the longest proventies. I an appopriate aesthetic publicity and public relations, tents prove to be the longest lasting well over three decades. Induring to John Grierson's With immense discretion and contribution to film history, reserve, qualities usually regarthen Alex Volcough will have ded as thoroughly English, he done very much to make that moved easily around the world, multi-lingual, urbane, dedicated and above all, observant. Yet it all the company he kept it of history He never forgot his origins, let between Tsarskoe rarely found cause to raise he voice and the characteristic if Russiah Ormodox Church in of his cyclorow was invarialy tolerant.

Mr Charles Smith, who was controller of news and curent affairs at Grampian Televion, in Abendeen, died on Sastilay while playing golf at Bancory.
As Grampian's first had of news he joined the ne' ITV station for North East Scotland at the outset in 191. He cared deeply for the region, and for the way in wich the people saw themselves through the exciting new maium of

The coming of oil development to the area ment great new challenges to Charles Smith and his news seem. As a result of this in 193 he wis awarded the Shell International Award for his programme Wiat

DR N. V. S. KNIBBS

T. G. W. B. write: Dr Norman Vctor Sylny Kolbbs, who died in Aprillo, at the age of 82, we the youngst son of the late Si George Hardley Knibbs, himself a scienist, poet, linguist and a legentary figure in Austrilia at the end

of the last century.

Norman was born in Sidney and educated a Melboune at Triolty Grammar School and at the university. There he took the university. There he took the Final Hojours Schoarship in Chemistry in 1915 at the age of 21, and lear, in 1926 gained his Doctorate of science. Among his contemporaries at Melbourne university were members of the discovered by the discovered and he was something of a Shakespeare schoolhis Doctorate of science. Among and he was something of Shakespeare schola: he was something of the was something of he was something of he was something of the was something of he was something of and he was something of a shakespeare schola: he was shakespeare schola: he was shakespeare schola: he was shakespeare schola: he was shak

to join the Royal Hying Corps but became a chemist in the Department of Explosives Sup-plies, Ministry of Municions, and was Chief Chemist of HM Factory Langwith, from 1917-19 After the war he set-tled permanently in England as an idependent Consultant in the field of the chemistry, pro-

ABDEL HALIM HAFEZ

Mr Peter G. Short writes: The Arab world from Morocco to Lebanon and from Egypt to the Gulf mourns the tragic death of one of its most loved intertainers. Abdel Halim Hafez, who died in London on March 30 at the early age of Abdel Holim Hafez (or

Shabana as he was then named)
was born in 1930 in the Egytian village of Halawat. His
mother died in childbirth and his father, a farmer, did not long survive.
Shabana graduated with honours from the Cairo Music Conservatory. In 1951 he began

the Ecyptian Broadcasting Orchestra. It was at this time that Shabana turned to singing and was heard by Mohamed Abdel Wahab who gave him encouragement in his career. Fe found fame with two songs "Safini Macra" and "Ala Kad el Shouk". Thereafter he adopted the name Hafe, as a tribute to the friend whr had helped him at the radio.

By now the reputation of Hafez had grown to large proportions and he made his first tim Lahn El Wajaa.

his work as an oboe player

However, tragedy came. In 1954 he suffered his first haemorrhage and from then onwards he experienced periods of poor health. or poor neath.

In 1967 he took Lond in by storm with a triumphane concert at the Royal Albert Hall before a capacity addience.

From all his suffering and struggles against illness there

grew, with the aid of a voice of tenderness. an even deeper understanding of his rt. He had been decorated by several Arab leaders. EARL OF KILNOREY The Earl of Filmory died April 12 at the age of 61. He succeeded his uncle in 1961. Educated at Stowe and RMC Sandhurst, he saw service in the

and North Africa and was wounded. He married ir 1941 Helen Bridget, daughter of Sir Lionel Faudel-Phillips, third and last baronet. They had three sons of whom the eldest, Mr Richard Francis Needlum succeeds his father. He does not use the title of Viscount Newry and Morne.

Second World Way in Europe

Franz Abraham, the West German racing driver, was killed during practice at Hockenheim on April 15. He was 35. Bon in 1922, brought up and educted in Glasgow, he left schol in 1937 and joined the Glasgow Herald as a copy boy and trained reporter. In 1942 he oined the RAF and served in ir-sea rescue in Borma and ifter the war he returned to formalism and worked for the Gasgow Evening News, the Sottish Daily Record and the anday Mail, which he left—
s deputy editor—to join Francian Television.

He was made MBE for institutional statements of the second statement of the second stateme

services to television journalism in 1970 and joined the board of Grampien Television in

1975. He leaves a widow, Margares,

duction, and uses of lime and limestone. His plant designs and inventions for new and various uses of this material were unceasing, and at the end of his life his clients, all of vicom became his personal frends, were spread throughou the world, and his authority in this field was unchallenged up to the time of his death.

man's dea h.

In 1915 he came to England His friends will lug remember his forceful advice ing and his generosity in distributing his favourite plants. He was a shy man, and modest about his achievements, but possessed of great charm, courtesy and kineness.

He was twice married and leaves a widow, I son and three

MR CLIVE TAYLOR John Wodcock, Cricket Correspondet writes:--

Mr Clive Taylor, who has died at the age of 49, twis cricket corespondent of The Stat. More than that, he was respected by his collegues and by the frst-class cricketers he came to know and report upon as a cycle of great integrity and uccompromision integrity and uncompromising fairness.
As a jurnalist he possessed a
talent which made those of us
in the press box know that he
could have done our own job a god deal better than we do then ourselves.

He had an uncommonly quick wit an incisive mind and a low for cricket which when added together, were a real buefit to the game. He was tiken ill in Australia, when tiere for the Centenary Test Jatch and leaves a wife and

Wiggin, who died on April 14, was a Justice of the Peace for Worcestershire and light Sheriff of the county in 1958. He saw service in the Second World War with the 53rd (Worcs Yeomany) and ank regt. RA, and was menioned in despatches.

Colonel Richard

Correction

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We have been asked to out that though the ley Lord Merthyr was for a shot time chairmen of the Pennbriteshire Corser arive Association in the 1929s, for the last 30 years or so he say in the House of Jords as an Interpretation on the Cross. on Independent on the cross bruches. He took no par in local Conservative politics of about 1932 and never on a national scale.

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non in the lower stratesphere also varies seconnully, having a maxi-mum in blarch and April in the northern hemisphere. Second, there are fluctuations within the lower stratesphere itself on much Tel: (212) \$26 2888. Cables: Carlswoods New York. Telex: (International) New York 620721. countries formerly controlled by the Nazis the burden of carrying out Israel's open-door policy will sumption. Unforturately, shorter than seasonal time scales greater penetration of the stratusand over small distances. It seems

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Mr Blumenthal against European barriers to Japanese goods

Puris, April 19.—Mr Michael Blumenthal, the American Treasury Secretary, gave warning roday that his country did not want Europe to set up protectionist barriers against ploitation of new energy Japanese goods because of the sources (including North Sea rectionist barriers against Japanese goods because of the additional pressure this would put on the United States.

lise protectionism", Mr Blumenthal said. "We are wortled that our appeals for positive and energetic negotiaions will fall on deaf ears in Europe because of protectionist

pressures.

"We hope that this will not be the case and that the question will be brought up at the London summit meeting on

Mr Blumenthal, who was heing interviewed in the French financial newspaper Les Echos, suid that at the London summit the chief Western industrialized the chief Western industrialized nations would discuss methods of avoiding protectionism, the improvement of the international monetary system, relations with the Third World, and cooperation in solving energy problems.

He did not think these wards

monetary system in the future. That is why we have put torward the idea of creating new official reserves in addition to those which already exist, and have asked member. nations of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (Open) to contribute.

Barre, the French Prime Mini-

ster, today called on the country's steel makers to em-

hark on a 12,000m francs

modernization programme over

several years in an effort to

make France's steel industry

more competitive inter-nationally.

lete and would have to be re-modelled. This would mean that certain installations would

M Barre told Parliament

Peris, April 19.- M Raymond maintained, however.

that about one quarter of the programe.

steel sector's plants were obsoThe Government said it is

If we can recycle surpluses into countries with deficits, we think that in the long term, oil), we can ensure that the international monetary and "We know that all countries, financial system remains stable including those in Europe, practical system remains stable and prevent any danger of its

and prevent any danger of its breaking up." America also wanted an ossurance that the Geneva talks on trade and tariffs would be reactivated and carried through in as aggressive and rapid manner to a satisfactory conclusion.

Washington would like to see

the stronger European nations stimulate their economies to accelerate economic recovery, he added.—AP-Dow Jones.
Jenkins hope for summit: Mr Jenkins, President of the European Community, said in Washington that he hoped the summint talks in London would produce a "strong political directive" to speed the lagging world trade negotiations in

Geneva.

After meeting President
Carter and other United States
Tankins conceded problems.

He did not think there was an immediate risk of upbeaval in the Western economic system, but conceded that efforts were needed to do more to ensure the smooth running of the monetary system in the future.

Carter and other United States officials, Mr Jenkins could not be completed during 1977, but he added: "We want to move forward faster."

At the talks, Mr Jenkins said, the United States and other United States and other United States of that the Geneva trade negotiation and the content of the cont other industrial countries should

also attempt to develop a common approach in the so-called North-South dialogue. Between the London talks and the end of May the leading industrial countries about the real countries about the same common talks. industrial countries should agree on a "general package" of measures

If the French steel industry

wares to regain its competitive

position, M Barre said, it will

use less manpower to make steel than its rivals. There will be lay-offs, he conceded. But he

gave his assurance that three

out of every four workers would not be unemployed under the Government's

prepared to finance part of the modernization of the industry under certain conditions. These

EEC limit attacked by process plant chief

Strong criticism of BEC plans to introduce minimum and indicative reference prices on selected steel products as part of an overall scheme to help European steel was voiced vesterday by Commander John Hamer, directr of Britain's Hamer, directr of Britain's Process Plant Association.

Commander Hamer criticized the plans at a meeting of the European Coal and Steel Community's consultative committee meeting in Luxembourg which discussed the steel crisis plan due to be implemented from the start of next month. If minimum prices were to be imposed on steel reinforcing bars, it was absolutely neces-

sary to ensure that it did not lead to a flood of cheap imports and it was vital that the Commission's import licensing mission's import licensing scheme was properly policed.

But he questioned the efficacy of indicative pricing on the ground that this appeared to involve the Commission suggesting a minimum price which it considered fair, but which did no lived the considered fair, but which did nor bind anyone.

Publication of a minimum or indicative price, might offer an opportunity for third countries to attack Community steel producers and manufacturers with "dumping" claims on their countries.

their exports.

"If against our advice we are to have minimum or even reference prices imposed upon us, then for the sake of stability in manufacturing industry and in the interest of consumers gener-ally, the Commission should also lay down that where orders are placed at minimum prices, this should be the contract price he said. Committee approves plan: The European Coal and Steel Com-

munity's consultative committee yesterday approved by a large majority the REC Com-

the European Coal and Steel

Charles Hargrove writes: Be-

tween five and ten thousand stoelworkers and miners from

Liorraine, accompanied by many mayors and local government

Community (ECSC)

France plans big boost for steel Despite the existence of Section 155 of the Act, which states tional financing institutions of the steel sector, but will also seek long-term credit from European organizations such as

fees returned.

He explained that although
Section 155 is essentially a civil
provision, "it is underpinued
by the fact that I can refuse an application for a licence if I

representatives wearing their tricolour sashes, tried to demonstrate outside the National Assembly, where M Barre opened the steel debate. Credit broken should not assume that their present con-

CIA findings reinforce predictions of world oil shortage

Energy industries back Mr Carter

Washington, April 19

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Saudi Arabia may have to double its oil output by 1985, when the Soviet Union will be a net oil importer, China's oil exports will be negligible and energy demand by the world's leading industrial nations could be well in excess of the equivalent of 100 million barrels of oil a day.

day.

These are the stark conclusions of a Cemral Intelligence Agency (CIA) study that greatly influenced President Carter, who last night warned the American people that the alternative to tough and immediate action here on the energy front could be a "national catastrophe". Leaders of America's oil, coal and natural gas industry associations, all applauded the President today for his leadership and sense of urgency. Nobody suggested that his predictions and the conclusions of the CIA study were exaggerating the dimensions of the energy crisis that could lie ahead. In an unusual move, 'the White House released the classified CIA study, whose conclosions are in some respects more planning than was suggested in weekend news stories based on unofficial accounts of the conductions.

of the study's contents. 3

The CIA bases its findings upon both a slower rate of world economic growth than that being predicted by the experts at the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) and a greater level of world energy conservation than that being forecast by the International Energy Agency (IEA). The study, which seeks to define world energy conditions in 1985, is thus possibly even less pessimistic than any that might the made at the OECD or the IEA. Nevertheless, it boldly notes that "world demand for oil will approach productive capacity by the early 1980s and substantially exceed capacity by 1985."

The CIA has rare insight into condi-The CIA has rare insight into condi-

tions in communist countries and its com-ments in this regard may well be of greatest interest to energy experts. It states that "the Soviet oil industry is in trouble. Soviet oil production will soon peak, possibly as early as next year and certainly not later than the early 1980s... the decline (in oil output) when it comes, will be sharp.

The agency forecasts the Soviet Union which last year exported one million barrels of oil daily, will, together with the rest of Eastern Europe, require oil imports of at least 3.5 million barrels a day by of at least 3.5 million barrers a day by 1985, and possibly as much as 4.5 million.

It also predicts that China's oil exports will decline markedly and be negligible by 1985 because of growing domestic needs, trouble with coal production and the realization that "the reserve-and production outlook is much less favourable than it appeared a few years

ago".

Until 1980 the new oil output in the North Sea and in Alaska, in particular, will raise total energy production in the

OECD area by possibly 4 per cent a year, but demand will also be rising fast and continue to do so, while "beginning in 1980, growth in OECD energy production will slow dramatically".

By 1985 the OECD area's energy demands may have risen from the equivalent of 73 million barrels a day

oday to over 100 million. Net oil imports by 1985 of non-OECD and non-oil-producing countries will have reached 4.5 to 5.5 million barrels a day from about 3.4 million now.

Numerous member nations of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (Opec) are seen by the CiA as being unable to raise their output in the 1980s, while Iran's production is seen as falling eligibility. as falling slightly.

Thus Saudi Arabia will be in a more

dominant position than ever, but to meet world demands in 1985 it may have to roughly double current capacity to be able to supply between 19 and 23 million

The report notes that "although the Saudis have the reserves needed to sup-port production at this level, we doubt that an expansion programme of this mag-nitude could be completed by 1985 with out a major shift in Saudi priorities. "Rivadh is committed to ambitious industrialization programmes which are stretching management and logistical capabilities extremely thin . . . even with adequate capacity, the Saudis might be reluctant to produce at the rates required."

Thresholds lifted for tax on fringe benefits

By Business News Staff Thresholds for taxation of fringe benefits have been raised in the Finance Bill, From 1978-79 the official definition of higher paid" will be £7,500, against £5,000 now.

This means that those earning less than £7,500 will only be taxed on benefits in kind which are convertible into cash. Anyone earning more than that is taxed on the whole range of taxable fringe benefits, whether convertible into cash or not, on the basis of the cost to the employer in providing them.

Under new proposals in the Bill, announced in the Commons last week, only those directors wim qualify as higher paid will be liable to tax on their fringe benefits. This ruie, however, applies only to directors of charities and non-profit making concerns. It will take effect this year.

The Budget was clear on the Figance Bill's proposals covering taxation on earnings over-seas. The main rule is that it a total of 30 days is spent work-ing overseas, the employee will be taxed on 75 per cent of his income earned abroad.

There is a new arrangement which entitles anyone working abroad for a foreign company to the 25 per cent deduction, regardless of the length of his The trouble originally began absence.

The Bill extends to the end of August, 1978, present power's to use the economic regulator to vary by up to 10 per cent rates of excise duties, including value-added tax, and customs duty on tobacco.

It is proposed to amend VAT from next January to bring the legislation in line with EEC directives. The consequent changes are largely technical and do not significantly alter the structure or operation of the tax.

But there is provision for re-payment of VAT to overseas traders, and new rules on several matters including tax invoice issues, recovery of tax and determining VAT value of imported goods.

According to clause 37 of the Finance Bill, only profit or loss made on the assets of an overseas branch of an insurance company when it is transferred to a non-resident company in return for shares, or shares and loan stock, must be left out of account in computing that company's income. Instead, it mus be computed as a capital gam

or loss. Any aggregate net gain will quality for the capital gains tax rollover relief in clause 35 of the Bill.

Clause 38 of the Bill provides a collover relief for financial concerns which would otherwise be regarded as realizing a profit or loss when one holding of shares is exchanged for another in the course of conversions, takeovers and similar transactions.

Companies which enter into certain types of participation agreement with the British National Oil Corporation will, according to clause 44 of the Bill, remain liable to petroleum revenue tax on their profits from oil passed to BNOC in pursuance of those agreements.

Warning on mortgage broking fees

Ly Ray Maughan The Office of Fair Trading is to refuse licences to mortgage brokers who persistently flout the section of the Consumer Credit Act which limits the

fees they may charge.

Speaking at the 25th Newspaper Society's Advertising Conference in Birmingham yesterday, Mr Gordon Borrie, the director assembled the OFT. the director general of the OFT said that a considerable number of complaints are being received about the activities of a small minority of brokers.

that a broker can charge only a nominal fee of £1 unless the client gets his marrage within six months, many clients find it difficult or impossible to get

s fit to have one ".

assume that their present conduct is irrelevant to any last night a Leyland management spokesman said when they apply in the third stage", he went on.

Last night a Leyland management spokesman said that Jaguar car output which normally runs at about 600

most circumstances was neces-sary for a fuller understanding of a company's affairs.

Auditors will now be expected to qualify their reports on a company's affairs if it is subject to the accounting stand-ard requiring inclusion of a funds statement but fails to provide me.

Under 5pc liable for

10,000 stop work in . .

Clydeside protest

Less than 5 per cent of all companies will be liable to full

corporation tax

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12,500 made idle in differential pay disputes at Jaguar and Halewood

With two big car plants closed by fresh strikes—Ford at Halewood on Merseyside and Leyland's Jaguar plant at Coventry—the motor industry is again suffering production losses running into many million of pounds worth of vehicles. More than 12,500 workers in the two centres were idle yesterday and there were warnings that more workers were likely to be laid off.

All Jaguar car production was stopped because of a strike by 80 internal drivers-men who deliver components men who deliver components to the assembly areas—at Leyland's Brown's Lane and Radford plants in Coventry. Because of this dispute, over distances by the drivers to be reclassified into a higher pay wade some 2000 cm escendilly grade, some 2,000 car assembly workers at Brown's Lane have been sent home indefinitely.

Another 100 men were laid off from the nearby components plant at Radford, and a further 1,500 workers there-walked out in protest against the layoffs.

rehicles a week worth about own union should be appointed machinists stopped work for 13m at showroom value, would a convener. At present they three hours after a man had have to remain at a standstill are represented by a T&GWU been transferred into their until the drivers return to convener who also acts on department, previously for work. There was a likelihood behalf of a larger group that women only.

to be laid off on the night shift from lust night. The drivers dispute has been taken through the whole of

Levland's special disputes procedure without a settlement being reached, and the comwhen its Secure Earnings Plan comes up for renegotiation at the end of the month. The strike action is understood to be against the advice of local district officials of the Transport and General Workers'

At Ford's Halewood plant, 8,000 assembly and body plant workers have been laid off because of the continuing strike by 1,000 toolroom and maintenance engineers belonging to the AUEW. Production losses since the trouble began last week total about £5m. Some 900 Escort cars a day are being lost while the shutdown The engineers' dispute arises from their demand for greater

and more independent repre-sentation in the company's negotiating machinery at both national and local level. At Halewood, the engineers shiftwork, are initially claiming that a The women's anger flared up shop steward member of their yesterday when 140 sewing

the Transport and General Workers Union. Today management officials at Halewood are to meet local district representatives of the AUEW and some other skilled unions, including the electri-

over the management's suspen-

sion of eight men who took

part in an unauthorized mect-

ing during working hours. But

when this suspension ended on Monday the engineers held a

mass meeting and decided to continue their stoppage. Their

grievance centres largely on the fact that Ford's negotiating committees are dominated by

cians and sheet metal workers to discuss the dispute. Discrimination charge: Women

biscrimination charge: Women at a British Leyland car assembly plant at Oxford have accused the company of set discrimination. They say they are denied a wide range of jobs available to men.

Leyland says it has applied for a special dispensation under the Factories Act so that women can undertake a that women cap undertake, a wider range of jobs and go on

No legal action by bank on losses Samuel's 19pc stake in Ratners revealed

Disclosure rules introduced by the new Companies Acr have revealed; that H. Samuel is a major long-term shareholder in its competitor, Ramers (Holdings). Samuel and Ramers are the two biggest jewellers' chains

In brief

Allowing for Ratners' one-for-Allowing for Remers one-tor-two scrip issue, H. Samuel owns 570,000 shares or 9.5 per cent of its issued capital. Samuel's pension fund also owns 9.37 per cent, so after the proposed transfer of the pension fund stake to the company, Samuel will control 18.87 per cent.

Ratners' shares added 3p yes-terday to 62p but Mr A. M. Dealey, Samuel's company secrebestey, Sainter's Company active rary, stressed yesterday that the holding had been acquired at least six years ago and had never subsequently varied, and that there were no plens to increase the interest or to bid. Mr Dealey denied that there was any link between the new

disclosure requirements and the transfer of the pension fund holding. The fund will make a "good profit" on the deal. Scottish Amicable Life Assur-nce was also revealed as



Mr Gilbert Edgar, chairman of FL Samuel.

holding a significant interest of 480,000 shares, after the scrip, which is equivalent to 8 per cent Company news, page 25

Hawker compensation in excess of £73m Hawker Siddeley Group yesterday confirmed that it expects compensation from the Government for the nationalization of its aerospace businesses to be in every of their 572 for health

in excess of their £73.1m book Hawker also confirmed that £53.1m of the compensation, the loan repayment element,

21p to 41p

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Law Land 21p to 41p
Man Agy Music 4p to 59p
Remules Cons 5p to 62p
10p to 480p

Textured Jersey 1p to 15p Western Areas 8p to 138p

\$0.5

will be paid by the Government shortly after vesting day, which is set for April 29. Negotiations with the Government on terms of payment for the balance of the business will start shortly. Details of the compensation terms, along with news of a 35 per cent increase in 1978's pretax profits to £99.6m, on sales of £974m, sent the shares racing in the stock market. They closed 20p higher at 530p. A breakdown of the 1976 results shows that Hawker's other busi-

shows that Hawker's other businesses made pre-tax profits of £75.4m on sales of £732m last

Financial Editor, page 23 New ruling on content

of andit report Audit reports should in future include a reference to the source and application of funds statement as well as the profit and loss account according to a new ruling from the councils of the Consultative Committee of Accountancy Bodies:

The councils said yesterday that the funos statement pro-

The FT index: 408.1-1.0

The Times index: 167.47-0.87

vided information which was not specifically disclosed by a profit and loss account and balance sheet, but which in

From Alan McGregor
Geneva, April 19

Credit Suisse headquaixers in Zurich hopes by the end of the mouth to have "detailed know have to protect all the assets, stuation" that led to losses of an estimated 250m Swiss francs (about £60m) at its Chiasso branch.

"In addition to our internal auditors, two auditing companies are now working at the suid not mean, of course, independent of any initiative by the bank. When saked about this today, the Chiasso public prosecutor's office had nathing to say.

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"This excellent result is a clear indication that our long-term planning is leading us along the right route, and it augurs well for the future prosperity of the company."

J H Craigie, Chairman

Sixth record year in succession for Group pre-tax profits.

* Rockware Glass operating profits showed a 20 per cent increase, with nearly all available machines back in production before the year-end.

Rockware Plastics made a remarkable recovery:

BRK, the glass mould-making subsidiary, produced refreshing

Rockware International continued to expand and made an encouraging contribution to profitability.

	1976	1975
•	£000s	£000s
SALES '	72,554	56,463
PROFIT before tax	6,266	4,306
PROFIT after tax and minority interests	2,922	2.117
ORDINARY DIVIDEND (maximum permitte	d) 5.3600g	5 4.3727p
EARNINGS PER SHARE	17.21p	12.83p
		

"The year has started well with sales beyond seasonal expectations. We have it within our capability to take another firm step forward in 1977."

The Annual General Meeting of Rockware Group Limited will be hold at 3.00 p.m. on 18th May, 1977 of Winchester House, (Hail 14) 100 Utd Broad Street, London 502

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How the markets moved

Rises Lister & Co Peachey Prop Ratners Beralt Tin Erit & Comm Caledonia Inv 4p to 46p 15p to 285p 6p to 240p 31p to 711p Caledonia Inv
Euro Fercies 31p to 711p
Fortum & Mason 3p to 425p
Garmar Scothlair 4p to 38p
Hawker Sidd 20p to 530p
Toschst 7p to 542p Redfearn Nat 4p to 105p 6p to 124p 10p to 214p 21p to 541p Rockware Rupciman: W. **Falls**

Anglo Am Corp Sp to 220p NZ Grp Sp to 292p Sp to 292p Sp to 292p Sp to 42p S Equities lost more ground.

Git-edged securities fell back.

Dollar premium 118 per cent effective rate 43.376 per cent).

Sterling was 5 points down at \$1.7190. The effective rate of exchange was unchanged at 61.7.

Business appointments

Bank Base Rates Table

Appointments vacant Wall Street

Annual Statements:

Appleyard Group

Cadbury Schweppes

SDR-5 was 1.16126 on Tuesday while SDR-E was 0.675505. at 1740.5 (previous 1735.6).

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Scottish Life Assurance Co Thomas Tilling: Unilever NV Interim Statement: Redemption Notice:

flates for small denomination hand only as supplied restoring by Ba Sant, international Ltd. Different apply to travellers' cheques and furnish currency business.

Production at most Clydeside THE POUND shipyards was at a halt yester-Bank buys 1.50 Australa S 1.50 Australa S 1.50 Selgium Fr 64.50 Canada S 1.85 Deamark Kr 14.56 France Pr 64.75 Hongkong S 2.5 Italy Lr 1555.00 Japan Yn Netherlands Gid 4.41 Norway Kr 9.31 Portugal Rsc 67.75 S Africa Rd 2.92 Spain Pes 121.50 Sweden Kr 7.73 Switzerland Fr 4.49 US 5 Tugoslavin Dur 14.00 Eater for small denomination day as workers stazed a one day strike in protest at the lack of a national plan for the industry. Badly hit were the stateowned Govan Shipbuilders on the Upper Clyde and the Scott Lithgow Group on the Lower Clyde where only small groups

4.19 8.95 64.00 1.87 113.50 7.38 4.27

of workers turned up. Some 10,000 men were on strike compared with the 20,000 forecast by Mr James Airlie, shop's steward convener at Govan and one of the protest's organizers.

Overtime row halts Plessey factory

Production was at a standstill the Plessey-owned Kirkby Telephone, Equipment factory which is threatened with closure. The trouble arose when Electrical Trade Union members claimed dispatch workers, members of the Transport and General Workers' Union, broke an overtime ban imposed as part of the battle to keep the factory open.

break Port 🦠 Talbot deadlock

corporation tax in the financial year just beginning, according to Treasury estimates. Mr Joel Barnett, the Chief Secretary of Strike leaders at Port Talbot steelworks are to meet their union: chief on Friday in an attempt to break the deadlock over the unofficial dispute. Barnett, the Chief Secretary of the Treasury, said in a written answer to a parliamentary question yesterday that while full information on the effect of stock retief on taxable profits in the year is not yet available, taxable profits are expected to be so low as to leave over 95 per cent of corporations either paying no tax in 1977-78 or paying reduced rates.

executive officer of the Electrical, Electronic, Telecomunication and Plumbing Union, who has described their pay demands as "impossible".

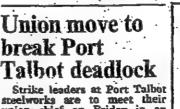
Underlining their opposition to Mr Clarke, the electricians passed a vote of no confidence in him. They have also rejected. in him. They have also rejected his personal plea for a return

discuss the move, but Mr Clarke said last night that he approached the strike leaders after they declared themselves in favour of an inquiry into the

prortunity to meet the stewards again to see if I can help them in any way and to see if we can get a discussion going , he said. Earlier, Mr Stan Biddis

of the repercussions. There would be warfare. "All the craftsmen are in the same grade and there would be chaos if the electricians' demands were met. I cannot speak for the other craft unions, but I am sure there

The walk-out by the 560 electricians more than three weeks ago has led to 6,700 men being laid off and has cost the BSC



The electricians' strike committee agreed to meet Mr Bernard Clarke, South, Wales executive officer of the Electri-

to work.
The strike leaders refused to "I have been looking for an

combe, South-west Wales divi-sional officer for the powerful Iron and Steel Trades' Con-federation, said: "The British Steel Corporation can not meet the electricians' claim because

would be an immediate reac-tion from them, calling for more pay if the electricians got what they wanted."

* Thomas Tilling Limited

Highlights of 1976

Group profit before tax increased by 25% to a record £41.9m.

Earnings per share increased by 27%.

£20m. invested in capital equipment plus £4m. in acquisitions.

The Group's overseas trading and exports continued to increase and overseas operations contributed nearly 20% of the profit before interest and tax.

			1976 £million	1975 £m
Sales		•	671.3	625.6
Profit before interest and tax	-		52.1	44.4
Profit before tax			41.9	33.6
			-	-
Earnings per ordinary share		ı	11.7p	9.2p
Dividend per ordinary share	-		3.485p	3.169p

Principal Companies in the Group

COMPTRUCTION MATERIALS AND SERVICES

ELECTRICAL WHOLESALING

TILES AND POTTERY

THE TIMES WEDNESDAY APRIL 20 1977

Italy fails to share in general revival

opments over recent months is that, despite much very real situacion as a whole has stabilized, and there have even been further slight improvements in some quarters. Also, interest rates are still tending to fall.

This progress, however, is still not sufficient to restore the necessary confidence and stimulate a real revival of investment and stock market activity.

Currencies have remained more or less stable. This is true of the dollar, despite a rate of inflation which, as our econ-omic table shows, has reached 7 per cent, a balance of trade

United States

West Germany

Estimate for 1977. Estimate for fiscal 1977-78.

France

Britair

Dollar

Pound

Lita

Deutschemark

Growth (%)

Three-month average expressed as annual rate

Interest rate

day

(4) As percentage of gnp and in national currency.

per cent in money

(6) Six months moving average expressed at annual rate.

(7) Figures in parentheses give percentage change in last month.

One striking aspect of devel- whose deficit is mounting sub- ing, the dollar exchange rate oments over recent months is stantially under the effect of oil, for which is tending to rise at, despite much very real imports. It must be said, how above 1.72. This has led the ever, that it is difficult to in Bank of England to intervene terpret these figures, which ronce more, in various ways. have been distorted by recent First, by buving dollars, which adverse conditions.

Budget deficit (---) (3, 4)

(-\$73,000m)

(-DM47,000m)

(-FF15,000m)

(--£8.500m)

(-1,160,000m lire)

2,37

(+0.2% 4.975

The Deutsche mark is being pushed upwards, which is un-derstandable in the light of that country's continued excellent economic performance, and the West German Federal Bank is trying to restrain this rise. The Japanese authorities, who have seen the yen climb to a 31 year high, may now wish to see it

rise less quickly. But the most striking case of

THE ECONOMY

MONETARY AND FINANCIAL EFFECTS

6.20

6.50

9.50

20.00

(8) End December 1975=100. Figure in parenthes es gives position last month. Currencies are five listed in table plus Japanese yen.

(9) Change in previous month. Figure in parenthe ses gives change over previous 12 months.

serves, now standing at over \$9,000m. Then, by again lower-ing its minimum lending rate (MLR) from 10.5 per cent to 9.5 per cent, to 9.25 per cent and to 9 per cent. Finallya virtual revolution this—by the downright discouragement of foreign capital, which no longer benefits from the tax exemptions that were available at a time when foreign capital had all is undoubtedly that of sterl- to be attracted at all costs.

Stability trade balance (2, 4)

-1.3%

(-\$2,200m)

(-DM2,900m)

(-FF3,700m)

(-£0.5,000m)

(-520,000m lire

Foreign exchange rate

Against a basket of 6

101.9 (102.3)

86.1

rate % (1)

18

20

Change

in stock

(per cent)

(9)

(-2) -2

The French franc also remains firm, which enables the Bank of France to allow a very slight relaxation in the money market rates, without, however, changing the rates for business firms (only special loans, limited to Fr 8,000m will be granted).

In this general pattern of improvement, only one country is conspicuous by its absence— Italy, whose currency con-tinues to crumble and whose rates of interest remain in the region of 20 per cent.

is real improvement in the different currencies, despite the fluctuations and temporary set-

backs: and the trend towards lower short-term rates

In the normal way, such reductions ought to have a stimulating effect on the stock markets. This is not at all what has happened, except perhaps in the case of the German stock market and, for special reasons, the London stock market. The fact is that political uncertainty hangs heavily over Europe. There is no doubt about it:

although currencies are in somewhat better shape, with the financial markets this is still far from being the case.

Maurice Bommensath

Points from the Review of the Chairman, Mr. Thomas Kenny, FCA.

- Pre-tax profit for 1976 increased to £0.74m (£0.43m) on turnover of £26.18m (£24.88m).
- Earnings per share up 62% to 3.42p (2.11p).
- Final dividend of 1.34p, making a total-.of 2.04p (1.53p) - maximum permitted...
- Expenditure of £1.11m on new plant (mainly for glass tissue), financed from profits and new long term loan.



Ruberoid Limited



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MR. WALTER H. SALOMON'S STATEMENT AT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, 19th APRIL, 1977

Report and Accounts

The year under review has been one of great difficulty our industry, and so I have much pleasure in being able to put before you the figures now under consideration.

The Group profit for the year after taxation, after making a transfer to inner reserves, and after charging all expenses is £471,000 which is the highest profit which we have earned to date. It reflects the growth of the Bank which has been achieved by the progress and the steady building up of all Departments which have each made a contribution to this result. We have installed more sophisticated accounting equipment, the cost of which has been written off in the Accounts now before you. This equipment is expected to be working within the next few months.

In my Statement last year I referred to the establishment of a bunking subsidiary on the Isle of Man which operation is progressing satisfactorily.

I also mentioned that we had started a lessing subsidiary. The progress of this Company is reflected in the Balance Sheet where it will be seen that the assets leased to customers have increased from £306,000 at 31st December, 1975, to £1,204,000 at 31st December, 1976. I confidently expect that this growth will be continued. The Shipping Finance Department is also doing satisfactory business. The Management of our subsidiary banking operation in

Guernsey has been strengthened, and in addition to Mr Gray we have engaged as Manager Mr A. A. Hall who is well quali-

we have engaged as Manager Mt A. A. Hell who is well fied to expand our business there.

Your Directors recommend the payment of a final dividend on the 8.439,552 "A " Ordinary Shares of 0.8426p per share in respect of the year ended 31st December, 1976 which, together with the Interim Dividend of 0.65p per share, makes a total distribution for the year of 1.4926p per share. This is the maximum increase permitted by present regulations. After payment of the dividends there remains to be carried forward \$304.000 (1975 £276.000) E304.000 (1975 £276,000).

The Consolidated Balance Speet as at 31st December, 1976

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shows Capital and Reserves of £3,846,000 (1975 £3.542,000). Current deposit and other accounts, etc stand ar £54,752,000 (1975 £52,503.000). The Balance Sheet torals have been increased to £69,828,000 (1975 £66,908,000).

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There is very lighe change in the assets side of our Consolidated Balence Sheet compared with last year. Balances with bankers and money at call remain high at £15,656,000 (1975 £15,383,000). Bank Certificates of Deposit and Treasury Bills are reduced to £11,250,000 (1975 £21,447,000), the £10 million reduction being applied for the most part in money at short notice £7,874,000 (1975 £3,335,000) and increasing other loans to local authorities and banks to £12,232,000 (1975 £5,644,000). Loans, advances and other accounts are practically unchanged at £9,291,000 (1975 £9,264,000); our acceptances are at approximately the same level £11,159,000 (1975 £10,798,000).

Summary of Results	1976	1975
	£000	£'000
Profit after tax	471	422
Dividends	167	155
Share Capital and Reserves	3,846	3,542
Acceptances -	11,159	10,798
Current, deposit and other accounts	54,752	52,503
Gross Assets	69,828	66,908

You will find on Page 9 of the Report a statement headed "Source and Application of Funds". We are obliged by the joint accounting bodies for the first time to publish this Statement in our Report, but it would seem to me that it is of very little value so far as a banking company is concerned.

Board of Directors and Staff Since the last Meeting there have been some changes on the Board. First Miss I. Kubn, who has been with the Company for nearly forty years, has partially retired and relinquished her post of Managing Director as at 31st December, 1976. I am pleased to let you know that she will remain on the Board, and I would like to take this opportunity of acknowledging the very valuable service which she has given to the Company over such a long period.

Mr. J. A. V. Townsend, who has been with us since January 1975, was eppointed a Director on 1st July, 1976. Mr. M. Fone was appointed a Managing Director on the same date.
Mr. J. A. Dearlove retired from the Board on the 30th June, 1976 in order to devote all his time to industrial matters.

The results now before you would not have been possible without the hard work and dedication of our staff, and I would like to thank them for their afforts.

like to thank them for their efforts.

AT HOME AND ABROAD . . .

For many years I have taken this opportunity to reise an independent voice on matters of concern not only to share-holders but also to a wider public both at home and abroad. Looking through my earlier observations, I am struck by how many of the problems I have discussed linger on and that must be my excuse for returning to some of them.

Whose "Liberalism"?

At a Dinner in the City the other evening, someone told of the professor who asked one of his students: "In what kind of age would you say you are living?" The 17-year-old boy replied: "We are living in an age of apathy." Now, of course, lack of vigilance is an eternal temptation. Almost two centuries ago, Edmund Burke warned: "All that is necessary for the triumph of evil is that good men do nothing." Today, politicians talk of "participation" but offer us a vote every few years on how they should spend more than half our incomes.

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But whatever the party men do or say before the next Election, it appears to me that the consensus has swing decisively against the socialist doctrines which post-war experience has proved so sadly wanting. This change was pointedly expressed by Jacquetta Hawkes* when she wrote recently:

"I must be among tens of thousands of people in this

country deeply troubled by doubts about our liberal-minded, labour-voting past. Were we wrong, are we partly responsible for the present danger that we will become a second-rate, proletarianised and, in one way or another, slavish nation? **
Such a confession makes it all the more disquieting that

the Liberal Party should have made a pact with a Labour Government on its last legs. I agree with Professor F. A. Hayek—who 30 years ago warned against the "Road to Serfdom" rote to The Times:

en he wrote to The Times:

"May one who has devoted a large part of his life to
a study of the history and principles of Liberalism,
point out that a party that keeps a socialist government
in power clearly has lost all title to the name 'Liberal'.

Certainly no liberal can in future vote 'Liberal'.

The leader of the Liberals on television retorted that

Professor Hayek was speaking of another kind of liberalism, namely continental liberalism. It only goes to prove how far the word "Liberalism" has been corrupted in this country. British people who are true liberals find they have voted for a political group which first empties the word of all principle and then uses it as wrapping to conceal their naked political opportunism.

I still think it would be a sad day for this country if we were to lose effective representation of liberalism. But I believe we need the liberalism of individual freedom and choice proclaimed by Hayek, not the hollow sham paraded by our present Liberal Party leaders. The problems we are facing can no longer be tackled by short-term party manoeuvres of promising the voters more "free" services—at the price of sacrificing their true freedom. Instead of asking governments what they can do for us, we must demand the opportunity to do more for ourselves. As Sir Keith Joseph has bravely argued on university campuses, liberty is a high ideal that is worth striving for as a condition of both moral and material growth for individuals and hence for society.

* Author and archaeologist wife of J. B. Priestley.

Monetarists and Micawber . . .

Among the specific issues from past speeches to which I feel compelled to return is my old enemy of inflation. I make no apology for quoting from my evidence to the Radcliffe Committee 20 years ago*:

"One thing is necessary above all—a new respect for money and the ethical principles associated with economic and monetary policy. Inflation must come to be regarded as morally wrong and politically dangerous. 'Unsound' money means deceit, misrepresentation, breach of contract, injustice, and in the end impoverishment, chaos, revolution, tyranny and dictatorship. It is a primary responsibility of government in a free society to maintain a trustworthy monetary unit of account and medium of exchange. If it cannot do that, it has abdicated. In the Middle Ages, Florence, Venice

and Amsterdam owed their well-being, stability and prosperity to the trustworthiness of their currencles." Twenty years later, most people agree that inflation is public enemy number one. At last, an effort is being made by the Government to curb the monetary excesses that cause inflation. The plan is for a gradual reduction of rising prices to an acceptable level. But we must ask two questions: first, how high is " an acceptable level "?

secondly, how long is "a gradual reduction"? In a free society there should be no inflation. As I said in

In a free society there should be no inflation. As I said in 1957, it is equally necessary for freedom as for stability and prosperity that we have a sound medium of exchange. For two long, both sides of industry were it unholy alliance: management thought a little bit of inflation would increase profits, while labour was persuaded that a little bit of inflation could maintain employment. It was as though a little bit of pregnancy need not lead on to bigger things!

Turning to "a gradual reduction", I would like inflation to a cancerous growth in the economy and society. When a victim of cancer goes to a doctor for swagery, the surgeon does not simply cut out a little of the growth, because he knows it would then grow still larger and more lethal later on. Not gradually but immediately, a good doctor tries to cut out all the malignancy. If we want to stop inflation, we have likewise to do so by shock treatment: basically overnight. Ending inflation inevitably causes transitional hardship as past expectations to do so by shock treatment: castcally overnight. Ending inflation inevitably causes transitional hardship as past expectations adjust to stable prices. But the longer we delay, the more severe the surgery and the necessary readjustment. Let scaptics ponder the old wisdom: soonest ended, soonest mended.

A "gradual reduction" will also prolong the political pressures on irresolute governments so that I question whether

they would ever persevere to victory.

I must now cover an objection to the slur which is attached to the word "monetarist". The myth is propagated by those responsible for inflation that monetarists are harsh, extremist, even Right-wing. Against this wicked distortion, I must insist even Right-wing. Against this wicked distortion, I must insist that many monetarists are great liberals and more compassionate than those pseudo-Keynesians who have brought this country ever closer to the brink of bankruptcy by their own brand of "benevolence" since the war.

The basic philosophy of monetarism—which argues for the discipline of balanced budgets rather than the profligacy of the princing press—was simply expressed by Mr Micawber in David Copperfield:

"Annual income twenty pounds, annual expenditure nineteen nineteen six, result happiness. Annual income

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*Reprinted with my other articles in One Maris View, Churchill Press, 1975.

Human rights . . .

I have often complained about the double standards of our unprincipled political leaders. A particularly nauseating example is displayed by their phoney "moral crusade" over Rhodesia. On the one hand they look on while guerrillas murder civilian labourers in Rhodesia,* and at the same time they sit down in a luxurious Geneva hotel to negotiate with those responsible for such atrocities. Whatever diplomatic language may be used in explaining such rituals, we can have no faith in the honesty of people professing belief in human rights and yet acquiescing

in doctrines of brutality, revolution and one-party tyranny.

In New York recently I met a friend I had not seen for some time. When I asked what he was now doing, he replied that he was a Commissioner for Human Rights. I enquired if he could tell me who was the Commissioner for Human Obliga he could tell me who was the Commissioner for Human Obliga-tions. What prompted my question was the example of the Declaration of Rights at the time of the French Revolution. One member of the National Assembly dared suggest that if a Declaration of Rights were passed, it should be matched by a Declaration of Duties. Significantly, his voice was lost in the popular babel—with results every schoolboy knows (or used to know before the decline in education standards). The Times reported (31st December, 1976) that women and

children were made to sit down whilst their husbands and fathers were ordered to lie on the ground closely together so as to be more easily machine-gunned and then

Secrecy and British banks . . .

The City of London, maligned time and again, continues making an increasingly important contribution to national well-being through its invisible exports, despite every discouragement from governmental mismanagement. Its facilities for conducting international investment, banking, insurance and trade remain unchallenged. Its success naturally attracts competition from other centres and I wonder whether we are not helping them by understanding our own merits. The Swiss are masters in the art of public relations and they make the maximum effort to impress on an anxious world that banking secrecy is enforced by Swiss law with criminal penalties for violation. They emphasise that this law is founded on the traditional Swiss respect for property and privacy—which must always remain the fundamental safeguard.

If our foreign friends were to judge from the socialist attack on property and privacy in this country over the years, they would be forgiven thinking that bank secrecy in Britain is not equally strictly observed. The reason we have no criminal penalty for violation is that in the past it was taken for granted that the City was in all such respects beyond the reach of suspicion. The time may now have come to reinforce this convention by adopting the Swiss example and entrenching a legal guarantee of banking secrecy. Lies, damned lies and statistics

We ought to be more worried about the multiplication of statistics required by the authorities from business houses. The amount of work created is becoming intolerable, especially for smaller firms. Furthermore, the dubious deductions drawn from such statistics recall the jibe that figures can't lie, but liars can

A good example was the recent press headlines about the substantial rise in our foreign exchange reserves. It was only

the small print that revealed by how much our short-term liabilities had also risen. Such deceptions always remind me of what someone said about statistics being like bikings: they can be very suggestive but they hide the most vital facts .

Most government statistics are not worth their cost, which

is borne entirely by private enterprise—in unpair labour to provide the data and overpaid bureaucrats to present them. The example of Hong Kong proves that if a free economy is allowed to function successfully, it can dispense with the window dressing of statistics. A strike of capital ...?

In a nominally free society like Britain, trade unions eften abuse the right to withdraw labour but are very ready to accuse investors of withdrawing their capital. We might start by remembering that most capital is nothing more than the saved proceeds of past labour. But so far from there being a strike of capital, investment has kept up surprisingly well in the teeth of political persecution of profits and the over-manning some unions impose on the operation of modern capital equip-

Eurodollars in danger ...?

Some years ago I spoke of the danger developing in the market The externed neots called "developing" countries have grown apace. The sound principles that should govern the practice of banking through-out the world have been neglected. In a market economy where capital is put to best use, the granting of loans should be based on the following criteria:

(i) that the borrower will devote the loan to capital and

not to consumption;

(ii) that the borrower of capital is credit-worthy;

(iii) that the credit-worthy borrower of capital can generate sufficient cash-flow to meet the terms of servicing and

repayment ; (iv) that a loan in foreign currency will not run into axchange problems when repayment falls due.

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Whoever departs from these principles is heading for trouble. Yet great international banks, including leading American houses, derive more than half their income from loans to foreign countries where sound banking principles do not always appear to have been observed. If it comes to the crunch and borrowers cannot repay, the central banks are expected to bridge the gap. Such transactions might then be described as irresponsible banking.

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A worse danger is that it these ioans were into our by selling bonds to the general public, which in the event of default could not be serviced, they might precipitate a further undermining of the market economy by inviting still more government intervention. No less an authority than Dr. Arthur Burns, Chairman of the Federal Reserve, has recently warned the American harbs against laying an authority thought in this the American banks against laying up future trouble in this way—so far with little apparent effect.

Development or politics ...?

But if the market economy is occasionally led astray, the worst fault, as always, is that of the politicians. When they want to curry favour with under-developed countries—for example, to buy votes at the United Nations—they grant them vast loans which have absolutely no economic justification. The folly of such short-sighted political manipulations of money was exposed by the Hon. William Simon (as Secretary of the US Treasury and Governor of the Fund and Bank) in a statement at the World Bank Meeting in Manila on 5th October, 1976. His words should be deeply nondered: ment at the World Bank Meeting in mainta on 1976. His words should be deeply pondered:

"Unfortunately, good economics is not glways perceived to be good politics. My experience has been that high rate of discount. And

politics is an art with a high rate of discount. And while the payoff to good economics is real, it takes time. This lag, as the economists call it, is a politician's Fortunately, I think that more and more people now understand that this is the case—and I sense growing

suspicion of the proposed instant solution, the quick fiz. In a world of unlimited demands and limited resources, finance ministers are not only inevitably unpopular, but indeed cannot afford to be popular. We are required to be the bearers of bad tidings to reiterate the unpleasant but inescanable fact that resources are scarce while wants are limitless. It is our lot, whatever our country's economic system and whatever its circumstances, to sneak out for financial resnonsibility—to call for prudence in an age of fiscal adventure."

Confidence, but only if . . .

The duty of government in a free society is not to shield. its citizens from the facts and try to take care of all their needs. A free competitive economy provides incentives for all to apply their individual energies and, at the same time, harnesses them to national prosperity.

On many occasions, I have expressed my firm confidence in the ability of ordinary men and women to rise to excentional achievement—but only if they are confronted with unvarpished facts and encouraged to give of their best for themselves and their families. We saw that during the war. And we could see a similar resurgence again—as we have seen in defeated Germany and Japan. But first we must be told the plain facts in simple Envlish. We need politicians who will dare to lead

and to give us freedom to solve our own rachems.

During the time of the Ptolemies in rot, the Priestess of Isis spoke in a language that had not been used for a thousand years and, not surprisingly, no one understood. Let us cut out the jargon and speak in a language of today. Let us put forward a clear-cut programme for a return to economic reality, at the same time saving to free men and women:

Whenever a task is set to you. Don't idly sit and view it.

Neither be content and wish it done, But begin at once and do it!

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International review

Our Report and Accounts, which has been posted to shareholders, includes my statement on trading conditions together with a review of our world operations. These are some of the highlights.

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Chairman's Statement

1976 Results

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1976 sales at £787 million were 18% ahead of those in 1975 and the profit before tax rose from £38.6 million to £46.4 million between the two years. Pre-tax profits showed a real Increase over 1975 and margins at that level were slightly improved.

1976 was a year of rising raw material prices and of inflation in all the Group's main markets, compounded in the United Kingdom by the depreciation of sterling and the upward movement in interest rates. Against that background the level of sales and profits was encouraging, except in North America where action has been taken to ensure a recovery in

Where profit margins declined last year it was more from competition in sluggish markets than from controls over prices. We have the task of building up these margins so as to provide a positive cash flow and justify our investment intentions. To achieve this aim we will continue to concentrate the Group's efforts behind our main brands to give them the marketing backing they require.

The recovery in world economic activity is proceeding slowly and governments in the countries where we run businesses are faced with relatively high rates both of inflation and of unemployment. The overriding need under these conditions is to continue the attack on inflation. Rates of Inflation must be brought down to ensure a competitive and expanding merket sector, which alone can provide a lesting basis for the creation of new jobs.

Ravy Materials

The 1976 supply position was dominated by the sharp rise in cocoa and coffee prices. Cocoa began the year at £765 a ton and finished at £2,075 a ton, while the comparable figures for coffee were £790 a ton and £2,918. a ton. The price of original tea rose by 63% in " the course of the year. These figures reflect both the escalation in commodity prices and the relative weakness of sterling. Packaging. meterials increased in cost by between 25% and 50%: but the price of sugar fell by 10% from the high levels recorded in 1975.

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in my last statement, i referred to the substantially increased investment programme which we are undertaking. Expenditure on property, machinery and vahicles totalled £27.9 million in 1976, compared with £24.4 million in 1975, but the real extent of the Capital programme is reflected in outstanding commitments which rose from £13.6 million to £28.5 million at the end of 1976. The bulk of both expenditure and commitments is in the United Kingdom and is concentrated on the modernisation of production facilities at existing locations.

Cash Flow and Borrowings

Net borrowings during the year rose from £72 million to £107 million. The increase in borrowings due to the fall in sterling is more than compensated for by the increase in the value of assets being financed.

The cash outflow during the year was broadly in line with that anticipated in the Group's budgets and is well within its borrowing facilities.

Action was taken in 1976 to develop-the Company internationally and to focus marketing attention on brand and regional priorities. The improved figures from Continental Europe show the results which such a policy can achieve if it is applied consistently. The main marketing objective in Europe has been to make better use of existing assets - the Schweppes name and product range, both of which are known and established across the continent:

The same approach is being applied in North America, where Cadbury confectionery and Schweppes drinks have strong brand positions in important product and territorial sectors of their respective markets. To broaden their appeal, so that we have a greater share of what is still the largest and fastest growing single market in the world investment will be required, particularly in marketing. This means taking a lower profit in the short term and using our earnings to build a stronger business

The policy therefore continues to be one of concentrating on our core businesses and not retaining operations which do not fit this pattern, so ensuring that scarce management resources are used to the best effect. The uncertainties over commodity prices, inflation and the level of consumer demand in a year of halting recovery make it impossible to give a firm forecast for the year but we are budgeting for an increase in profits in 1977:

Review of Operations

UNITED KINGDOM REGION

Confectionery

Cadbury assortments, Cadbury and Frv count lines, Cadbury moulded chocolate, Christmas and Easter seasonal lines, Pascall Murray sugar confectionery.

The Confectionery Division coped extremely well with a year made difficult by an exceptionally hot summer and unprecedented cocoa been prices and made a substantial profit Our mixer business in the licensed trade had to cope with a further increase of duty on spirits. Improving the service given to our customers continues to be one of the Division's main objectives in 1977,

Wines and Spirits ...

"Dubonnet", Andre Simon Wines, Cusenier, Spa Waters.

Good progress was made against a generally depressed market and we are looking for continued growth.

Concentrates and Essences

The production of essences to meet the requirements of the Group Increased in 1976, both in the United Kingdom and overseas and more sales were made to outside customers.

Tea and Foods

Typhoo tea and teabags, Cadbury "Bournvita", chocolata biscuits, Cocoa, Drinking Chocolate, "Marvel", "Compliment", "Smash", "Snack Soup",

Health and Chemical Products

Jeyes Fluid and "Babysoft" paper products, "Parazone" bleach, "Sanilav" ... "Bloo", "Ibcol" and "3 Hands" disinfectants, "Wonderflame" fire lighters; contract packing of aerosols and the manufacture of plastic products.

With the depressed level of demand the Health and Chemical Products Division had a difficult year. Despite this, Jeyes U.K. achieved better profits than in the previous year. Results of Aerosols International were poor up to the third quarter, after which there was a marked Improvement. Jeyes Ireland maintained its market share and profitability in the face of severs competition in tissues. Middleton Plastics continued to trade profitably.

AUSTRALIAN REGION

Cadbury Schweppes Australia Ltd. showed healthy growth in 1976 with trading profits up from £7.8 million in 1975 to £8,9 million. The. improvement came from better performance in both the confectionery and drinks operations.

22% increase over 1975. The growth of the Schweppes soft drinks business in Europe has continued and total sales in litres increased by 29% over 1975. Trading profits rose from £1.3 million in 1975

Ireland

to £5.2 million in 1976.

Cadbury Ireland Ltd. has continued to maintain its dominant position in the Irish confectionery market, although the company faces ever-increasing competition from the Conti-

Cadbury Slotts A.B. has again increased its sales and profits. Export sales at £1.1 million made a good contribution to the results."

West Germany and Austria

The banefit from the first full year of sales of the "Slimline" range and the excellent summer weather is evident in increased sales in both value and volume terms. The addition of Chivers lams to the product range during the year has given an added boost to sales and profits.

We have formed a new holding company, Cadbury Schweppes G.m.b.H., in Germany which will ultimately be responsible for all our Interests in Central Europe.

Belgium and France

Sales of Schweppes in Belgium and France increased significantly, helped by the excelfent summer weather. Exports of Cadbury products to France totalled £1.6 million; sales volumes were above those of 1975,

Effort is being concentrated behind the Schweppes brand. Despite the difficult economic conditions and poor summer weather, Schweppes soft drinks sales volume increased by 37%. Sales of Cadbury confectionery were also up.

Schweppes volume sales, through our franchisee, Riobianco S.A., were up in spite of Spain's continuing economic difficulties and poor summer weather.

Franchises

Sales of Schweppes and Rose's products by our franchises in the rest of Europe were 64% ahead of 1975. The Bulgarian franchise has come up to expectations during the first full calendar year. In 1976 a new franchise agreement was entered into with a major Turkish industrial enterprise.

WEST AFRICA

Cadbury Nigeria Ltd. again achieved record figures in both sales and profit terms. Cadbury Ghana Ltd., despite severe shortages of raw materials, has performed well and profits show a marked improvement on 1975,

EAST AND SOUTH AFRICA

Cadbury Schweppes Kerrya Ltd. had a record year with the drinks operation continuing to grow against stiffening competition.

In South Africa major structural change has, resulted from a closer co-operation with the Coca-Cola bottlers whereby the South African company has taken a stake in their operations in exchange for their taking over our soft : drinks business on a franchise basis. Confectionery maintains its steady progress and the policy continues of broadening the business both by product and market range.

The Zambian drinks company has had a difficult year because of production problems brought about by raw material shortages. Plans are well under way for increasing capacity to meet the greater demand for the company's products

Cadbury-Fry (India)-Private Ltd. increased its profits in spite of being hit heavily by escalating cocoa prices.

Our confectionery joint venture in Japan has met similar problems. Despite a delayed start the Malaysian.

confectionery company is now geared to meet an increasing demand.

EXPORTS AND FRANCHISES

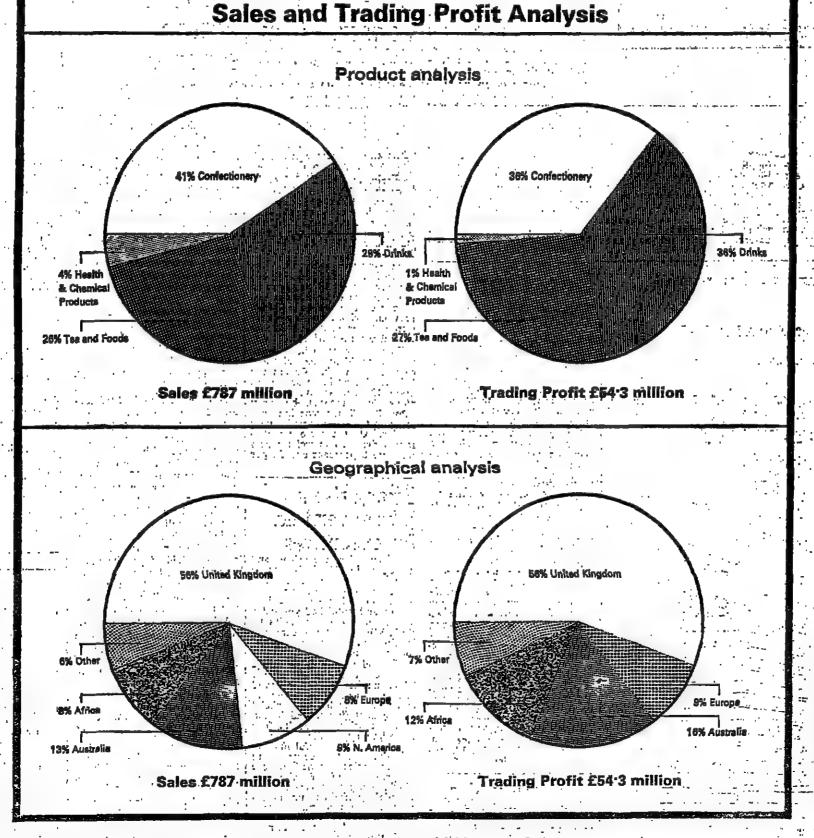
Total U.K. exports including shipments to our overseas companies amounted to £33.2 million in 1976 compared with £25.2 million in 1975.

Our franchise operations outside Europe also had a successful year with profits well up on

Annual General Meeting :

The Annual General Meeting will be held at 12 noon on Thursday, 19th May 1977 at the Grosvenor House, Park

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contribution to Cadbury Schweppes. Volume sales were up on 1975 in line with the" industry as a whole and their sterling value increased considerably. increased considerably.

Our share of the Assortments market has

increased and the new "Bournville Selection" has been particularly well received. In the sugar confectionery section of the market, the Division continued the upward

sales trend reported last-year and aims to exploit this success in 1977...

Drinks

Schweppes minerals and soft drinks, Rose's Lime Juice, "Cresta", "Zing", "Pepsi-Cola", "7-Up", "Suncrush" and "Kia-Ora".

In 1976 the Drinks Division achieved volume growth and its profit budget in a year of dramatic fluctuation in the market for soft drinks. Demand for soft drinks in the first six months of the year was depressed. Then the long hot summer tested to the full our ability to meet the surge in demand. The take-home trade was relatively buoyant in 1976 and we have achieved significant market share gains for Schweppes, Rose's Lime Juice and "Pepsi-Cola".

"Soya Choice", Hartley's jams, canned fruit and vegetables, Chivers' jellies and marmalades.

Both the Tea and the Foods Division reached their profit targets and increased volume sales. 1976 was a successful year for the "Typhoo" brand which ended the year with an increased share of both the packet tea and teabag markets...

Sales of Cadbury biscuits have been encouraging and our overall share of the fully covered market has been increased for the first time in five years.

"Soya Choice", our textured vegetable protein product, has established itself as a grocery product of major potential.

Catering Services has maintained both its profitability and share of key market sectors, with Typhoo in particular showing excellent sales growth.

Kenco *

"Kenco" coffee

Kenco again increased volume sales and market share during a difficult year in which the cost of coffee has risen to unprecedented

New Zealand

Cadbury Schweppes Hudson Ltd. maintained: ... its progress in terms of sales and profits. The drinks business is beginning to show the benefits arising from a major reorganisation which should bring further improvements in

AMERICAN REGION

In North America, the management has been restructured and considerably strengthened, The company has withdrawn from unprofitable businesses and has concentrated its management and financial resources in those spheres offering the greatest potential for long-term profitable growth.

Sales of Schweppes rose by 18% as both distribution and market share increased significantly in the United States and Canada, Cadbury, while achieving worthwhile growth in both unit and dollar sales, generated an unsatisfactory return due to the erosion of

EUROPEAN REGION

Sales of Cadbury Schweppes products in the continent of Europe reached £66 million, a

Labour peer backs

small entrepreneurs

in European debate

From John Winder

Strasbourg, April 19

pean Parliament today.

the Council of Ministers and

the Commission to establish one

or more international legally

binding agreements through negotiations with the parties concerned—governments and

International organizations and

could make a great contribution

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undertakings.

will not have mandatory con-trols in our country, and that has helped sentiment."

Dr Burns argued that the key

problem with the economy was

not a shortage of money—

there is plenty of money

around"-but the unwilling-

From Frank Vogl Washington, April 19

American business spending on new plant and capital equipment is starting to revive, and the rate of increase in such investment will rise above an annual rate of 15 per cent before long, according to Dr Arthur Burns, chairman of the Federal Reserve Board.

In a rare television interview he said that businessmen were deeply concerned about inflation and the possibility of price and wage controls.

reassured them that this will

chief wary

of worker

From Patricia Clough

Signor Giulio Andreotti, the

on in management. He proposed that workers

should join, on an experimental

basis in the management of ail-

ing firms currently being re-

But Signor Luciano Lama, communist leader of the big-

gest trade union federation, expressed strong reservations. Joint management, he said, could make the unions lose

their power of pressure ".
His union, the CGIL, was will-

ing to accept some form of worker controls on manage-ment, but relations between the

two sides should always have-some element of conflict, he

vesterday on economic recovery

vided for worker participation in management, but the bo-

tility of the unions and fears

among the employers that this

would damage production had

combined to turn it into a dead

Signor Andreotti proposed

that worker participation could be introduced in those bankrupt or uncompetitive firms which have been taken over by

The idea of the workers tak-ing joint responsibility for the

reorganization of these firms would set "an excellent example", he said.

The Prime Minister and Signor Lama were both speak-ing at a high-level debate here

government

Rome, April 19

"Now the President has not happen; that is to say we

ness of business to use the available money to make investinflation Fears increasingly tough environmental controls have worried businessmen, he said.

However, he said that recent figures indicated a revival of business confidence, and this, together with the President's anti-inflation statements, should

Dr Burns said that Americans had no choice other than to accept higher energy prices. He expected a tough energy programme to be announced by President Carter this week-a programme stressing conservation, greater development of existing United States energy resources and new energy

"Unless we practise oil conservation in this country and do so on a decisive scale we will be endangering our country's future. Not only the future of our economy, but also

Italian union | Minister stresses human element in industry

Industrialists would ignore the human element in industry at their peril, Mr Booth, Sec-retary of State for Employment, participation said in London yesterday. Mr Booth told them that the Government's industrial stra-tegy was aimed at a huge regeneration of industry over Italian Prime Minister, has said it is time to remove the "hos-tility and preconceptions" in Italy towards worker participa-

the next decade.

"The decisions you will encounter in most of your board-rooms, not just in the next few years but in the next few months, will be perhaps the

most momentous in postwar commercial history.

"Those decisions will not only have to be right, they will have to be practicable", Mr. Booth told a Financial Times conference on industrial rela-tions. Such decisions would tions. Such decisions would not be possible today unless they had the support of the workforce.

Britain could not afford to let billions of pounds of in-



vestment lie fallow because the human element had been ig-nored. The Merseyside grain terminal was an example of an asset which had lain idle because the human element had been left out of the calculation until it was too late.

Democracy, Mr Booth said, was not something to be sur-rendered at the works entrance in the morning and retrieved again in the evening. legal practices without that immediately hitting the public

A Labour peer emerged as the champion of the small entre-Lord Bruce supported the motion on behalf of the Socialpreneur and trader at the Euroist group, he said that whatever the will of governments, mul-Lord Bruce of Donington, tinationals could and had acted speaking in a debate on multito suit their own interests, connational companies, said that trary to democratically detertheir activities impinged seriously on the role of the mined policies.

Many such companies did not small entrepreneur and trader use that power, but "played as well as challenging the will the game of governments and upsetting Over the past 10 years the

operation of private corporate power had had a profound effect on the rate of inflation "The individual liberty of the subject must have its economic in the small private enterprise system in Europe", he de-clared. base, and that must in part be in various European countries. Sir Brandon Rhys, a Conservative, said that scope for legislation must be limited, be-The motion from the Parlia- cause to have the slightest ment's Committee on Economic value it must be enforceable, and Monetary Affairs called on consistent and of wide applica-

It was the monetary system which needed reform, not the corporate treasurers following the interests of their businesses in a straightforward way. Where abuses existed they should be prepared to act at It declared that such negotia- once.

tions would succeed only with appropriate measures at Comnunity level, and therefore tion provided it was thoroughly called on the council to adopt well thought out. There was called on the council to adopt without delay proposals submitted by the Commission at the end of 1974.

Herr Erwin Lange, of the scope for limited legislation on transfer prices, not only of finished products but for knowhow and intermediate products. Mr Robert Edwards, of the West German Social Democratic
Party, moving the motion for
the Committee, said they were
not carrying out a witch hunt.
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ment.
Mr Henk Vredeling, a Commission vice-president, said that within the Community they could establish rules and a code of conduct on lines suggested by the OECD.

The motion was adopted.

could make a great contribution and had done so, but the size of these companies was such that there was, in human nature, a temptation to use their position to move on the margins or even outside the.

TV makers urged to rationalize

Technological and marketing and worker participation.
Signor Andreotti recalled that the Italian constitution, drawn up after the Second World War, specifically prochanges are going to make rationalization inevitable among Britain's colour television manufacturers. Mr Jimmy Paget-Brown, marketing director for ITT Consumer Products (UK). said yesterday. He was speak-ing at the annual conference in Eastbourne of the Radio, Electrical and Television Retailers' Association.

"One could easily visualize the disappearance of one or two of the companies currently building brown goods in the United Kingdom ? Mr Paget-Brown added. Technological developments,

especially in semi-conductors, meant manufacturers would no longer gear operations to an output of 100,000 or 200,000 colour television receivers a year. "Three or four hundredthousand sets will be the order of the day, and if that is what happens then, with a market of 1.5 to two million sets only in Britain, it is easy to deduce there are already more manu-facturers than the bome market needs."

He continued: "There has to be some rationalization if we are to compete successfully with the invaders of our shores." The hopeless fragmen-tation among manufacturers that existed today had to give way to such large-scale opera-tions, or British industry as it was now would vanish.

Europe was the only market with really substantial growth potential, and he felt only five companies had the inbuilt

strength to cope with it: Thompson in France, Grundig in Germany, Thorn in Britain and ITT and Philips.

With 60 per cent saturation now achieved with colour tele visions in Britain, it was going to get harder to sell new sets, at least until the arrival of the replacements and second set Customers were going to

demand better quality receivers, especially in colour, he went on. "On the issue of quality, the marker at large must acknow-ledge the standards set by the Japanese industry. They have set us an object lesson in how to produce a reliable and robust

"One may also say the British industry has, for once, responded quickly."

Boost for East-West trade sought

efforts to promote East-West trade were urged today as the United Nations Economic Com-mission for Europe opened its annual meeting.

Mr Janez Stenovnik, the executive secretary, told the 34-nation conference that determined action on many fronts would be required if progress in East-West trade were to be maintained at the substantial rate of growth it showed in

Much greater attention was necessary to "improve the pattern of long-term specialization . . including large-scale projects of common interest, he said. More efforts would also be required to identify suitable projects and suitable forms of multilateral financing. Stable and steadily-growing East-West trade "should be based on the growing complementarity of restrictive economies", he said.

One of the main topics at the two-week meeting is a vear-old Russian proposal to follow up the Helsinki final act of the European Conference on Security and Cooperation with all-European congresses ou energy, environment and trans-port.—AP-Dow Jones.

US incomes up 1.7pc Personal income in the United States during March rose \$24,200m at an annual

rate of 1.7 per cent to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of \$1,486,000m, the Commerce Department said. The increase larger than February's rise of \$20,200m and was the second

Sharp fall in orders for construction

Orders for new construction dropped by more than £120m in February. According to provi-sional figures published yester-day by the Department of the Environment, the value of new orders during the month totalled £443m, against £565m in January.

Expressed at constant 1970 prices adjusted to exclude nor-mal seasonal variations, total new orders for the three months December, 1976, to February, 1977, were 6 per cent down on the previous three months, September to November, 1976, and 9 per cent down on the period December, 1975, to February, 1976.

Housing was badly hit. New orders in the public housing sector were down 13 per cent on the previous three months and 39 per cent on an annual com-parison. Private housing orders were 18 per cent and 25 per cent down respectively.

There appears to be a broad upward trend in industrial and commercial work. Orders for private industrial work were down 12 per cent on the pre-vious three months, but they showed a 36 per cent improvement on the same period a year earlier. On the same compari sons, private commercial orders were up 8 per cent and 31 per

Strong rise in jobs advertised for executives

Demand for executives and managers in Britain seems to be rising strongly. The latest quarterly index, based on newspaper advertisements of jobs vacant and published yesterday by management consultants, MSL, shows a 14 per cent rise to the number of managerial in the number of managerial jobs advertised

The index is a fairly crude measure of the state of the labour market, but it has moved in line with other more general indicators, such as official employment figures and investment intentions, since its first compilation in 1959.

The present cheerful outlook is in line with the recent rise in job vacancies notified to the Department of Employment which, along with two months of slightly falling unemployment, has puzzled many economists who had expected the demand for labour to remain slack this year.

The increased executive de-mand extends over almost all the job categories covered by the MSL index, with a particu-larly strong rise for personnel appointments.

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the Gezira Scheme in your issue of April 4. As an erstwhile field inspector in the Gezira from 1946-1955 I was in a position to view the scheme both under the Sudan Plantation Syndicate and, from July 1. 1950, its successor, the Sudan Gezira Board. Whilst agreeing with Dr Bar-

Sir. With reference to the letter

from Dr A. Barnest concerning

lett that we were, to some extent, authoritarian (actually the dreaded word paternalism comes to mind) this was necesserv to maintain the high standard of cultivation required for irrigated cotton with the attendant dangers of disease and loss of yield through inefficient picking.

inly the wholly exc lent Sudanese inspectors who took over from us in 1955 continued this tradition.

of this great scheme that I cross swords with Dr Barnett, in that he ignores, or does not know, that up to 1956 the fourcourse rotation meant that only 25 per cent of the tenants' holding was under conton, 50 per cent fallow and the remainder millet and vegetables. The fallow provided grazing, and the yields from the other crops belonged to the tenents, water being supplied for them up to the emptying of the Sennar reservoir in March.

When one considers the prescheme conditions of rain-sown millet, with famine in bad years, the economic advantage of freedom from hunger is incalculable.

Further economic advantages were the outlawing of any form of mortgage on growing crops (the bane of India) and the financing of cultivation costs by Government interest-free loans, as well as spin-offs in the form of the creation of jobs in all the ancillary works—ginu-ing factories, light railways, irrigation, etc., together with itinerant labour necessary for the crops themselves at certain

It is true that under the criteria of a modern welfare state little was done until 1948, but the mood of the West until then was not particularly welfare minded.

However, from then on the pace quickened. On my particular 15,000 acre block, village councils were set up and ap-pointed Sudanese overseers for their own tenants; primary schools were built, and each area had a pharmacy. As far as Dr. Barnett's con-

tention that "no one knew what the tenants felt" I would point out that I, and my colleagues on the other 39 blocks, had to speak Arabic and spent all our days amongst the tenants and their councils, so this was far from the case.

To me the scheme was a perfect farmers' cooperative, almost a bluenrint for an acro-socialist state—nationalized land, profits split 40:40:20, to workers, Government and risk capital.

I certainly feel that both Mr Garner and Dr Barnett should be a little more meticulous in their researches. Sir Arthur Gai: kell's book Gezira, A story of Development gives a true picture as I saw it. Yours faithfully, D. M. FORSTER,

Managing Director, Lowestoft Ice Company Ltd, Lowestoft, Suffolk. April 5.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Vital role of the engineer in top-level planning

Sir, In your issue of April 14 Mr Metz bemoans the fate of the engineering industries in Britain. He is highlighting the despondency that exists in the minds of most chartered engineers and which is always a talking point when they meet. The institutions, because of

their conservatism; the unions, because of their straitfacketing of individual effort, have not been able to change the pattern. The intellectual engineer who has been trained to think in terms of logic, optimization, vision, and-dare I say it?-morality is subjected to the "short-term realities" of accountancy and marketing.

How can words be found to explain, first, to the engineering laymen who form the vast majority of the leaders of secondly, to the general public, just how vital it is for the future wellbeing of this country that the practical, experienced engineer with his scientific training is fully involved in top level planning and decisions.

Dependent upon the product is the degree to which accountancy, engineering and marketing will have their effect—that is accepted; but let us look to France, Germany, Japan, the United States and the USSR to see how that degree is apporrioned.

The Minister of Education is committed to increasing the university recruitment for engi-neering subjects: she will have to produce very convincing arguments in terms of society providing the satisfactions and rewards needed to substain

Benefits of

the Gezira

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scheme

such a programme before many in the engineering profession will stop dissuading youth from joining their ranks. Yours faithfully,

R. H. ASHWORTH, "Briar Gap.", Loseberry Road, Claygate,

From Mr L. I. Sanders Sir, How right is Mr G. L. E. Metz's statement in his letter (April 14) that it is unlikely that the efforts of a mechanic and a chartered accountant will be as effective in producing a power station or other engineer ing project as those of a qualified engineer and that it is time that the engineer was back in the "driving seat" as he was when this country was in the lead in industrial development

throughout the world.
Why has the "driving seat" been thus vacated? Timidity and lack of enterprise have nor in the past been conspicuous failings of the engineering profession. I suspect rather that in recent years many engineers e reached the utmost degree of frustration as a result of m.sapplied trade union power-around them. They have found themselves spending an inordinate amount

spending an inordinate amount of time combating over-manning trying to ensure that work done receives no more than its just reward and in almost interminable talk over even the simplest problems, instead of being resonably free to "get on with the job" of ensuring that production is efficient and that the product

I think that many also have become disilkusioned at the lack of support they have received in contending with such difficulties, this phenomenon being epitomized by the fate of the Heath Government elected to get reason into industrial relations and abandoned BY

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by the electorate when the "crunch" came. But this is a challenge to the engineer and neither at a nor the lack of financial reward found in some sections of the profession should deflect him from taking the lead in this country rather than retiring into the background or seeking easier or better paid work abroad, nor should it deflect the young man from qualifying himself to enter the interesting. himself to enter the profession It has always been a profession

dimension associated with deal. ing with union pressure gives added interest, even if so often in a wasteful and sterile way. If trade unions could realize that increased productivity is a means to national solvency and therefore prosperity for all while inflated wage claims and white arriance wage claims and overmanning can only lead to wards bankruptcy and poverty for all, then with the engineer in the "driving seat" and cooperation in place of combat this nation could be unified and leading the world in indu-

full of interest and opportunity; the present added

L. I. SANDERS. Compton Down, Winchester, Hampshire SOC1 2AN.

Exploring the path to worker cooperatives

Sir, It is indeed necessary, as Peter Jay says in his article "Till we have built Mondragon . ." (April 14) that the experience of the Basque workers cooperatives should be algorithms and the cooperatives about the proper section. vigorously audited, in order to-identify, as accurately as pos-sible, the principal ingredients of its success. If it appears, as experience in this country too would suggest, that a state of near-collapse had to be reached before the cooperative solution was seriously considered, one should not be too optimistic about a change occurring without that stimulus.

In practice, the writing on the wall appears months or even years before the events it predicts. So there is usually plenty of time to take the right action provided that adequate preparations have been made in advance. Money is important in crisis situations; sound advice We would agree with some of

Peter Jay's opinions but not with others, especially not with

dispensed with. We take a directly opposite view. It is most important that this and other fundamental factors in establishing successful production cooperatives should be properly considered, fully investigated and thoroughly argued out well in savance. The wider the discussion, the better the chance that the transition from the corporatist to a copperative structure will take place, not under duress, but as an act of

deliberate policy.

This foundation, despite its primarily agricultural prientstion, can make some contribuphilosophy, and there are others who will want to do the same. What is needed now is a clear sign from the Government that it regards this as a path of economic change which has to seriously explored. ROGER FALK,

JOHN MORLEY, Trustee,
The Plunkett Foundation for

Cheque guarantee limit

appearance due to the incor-poration of the word "visa" to it more universally

Would it not, however, have been vastly more helpful to those who use Barclaycards for the purpose of guaranteeing April 18.

It is on the economic benefits - From Lt-Col J. A. Hunton Carter chaques if the limit of £30. Sir. There has been considerable publicity over the fact that the Barcalycard is changing its purpose, were to be increased to something like £50 or £60? Yours faithfully, J. A. H. CARTER,

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the 139th Annual General Meeting of the members of The Scottish Provident Institution will be held at the Head Office, 6 St. Andrew Square, Edinburgh, EH2 2YA on Tuesday, the 26th day of April 1977 at 2.15 p.m. to consider ordinary business and also to consider and, if thought fit, to pass Special Resolutions for the alteration of the Regulations of the Institution.

NOTICE IS ALSO HEREBY GIVEN that, if the Special Resolutions are passed by the requisite majority at the said Meeting, an Extraordinary General Meeting of the members of the Institution will be held at the Head Office on Tuesday, the 24th day of May 1977 at 2.30 p.m. to consider and, if thought fit, to confirm the said Special Resolutions. The general purport of the proposed alterations

to the Regulations is given in the Notes appended A copy of the proposed alterations can be

inspected by any member at the Head Office or a copy will be given to any member on request. Copies of the Report and Accounts are available.

from this address. By Order of the Board

J. M. MACHARG General Manager and Actuary

6 St. Andrew Square, Edinburgh, EHJ 2YA

1. To reduce the quorum for general meetings from 21 members present in person to 10 members present in person.

2. To enable members to vote at general meetings not only in

person (as at present) but also, on a poll, by prosy.

To alter Regulation 30 so that advertisement of the calling of a general meeting shall be in the week ending 15 clear days before the meeting and in the previous week instead of in the week ending on the day before the meeting and in the previous week.

To add a new Regulation providing that no person (other than a register discovery a convergence of by the directors).

a retiring director or a person recommended by the directors) shall be eligible for election as a director at any annual general meeting unless due prior notice, as stated, shall be given to the Secretary together with a written consent by the person; and providing an age limit of 70 years for directors other than certain existing directors.

5. To improve the wording of Regulation 47(2) relating to the thing by a general meeting of the remanemation of the directors.

6. To add to Regulation 47(3) a provision enabling the expenses of a director in attending meetings or incurred in the business of the Institution to be paid (apart from remuneration for extra services as at present).



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itself to the nationalization of Hawker Siddeley Group's aero-space companies, the market is now keen to see Hawker get its stions programme. Proposals to increase the authorized capital by a quarter to £71m improves the scope for the use of paper in any future acquisition although with at least £73m cash due in as compensation for the aircraft companies and a further £41.4m in the bank at the year-end additional capacity to use paper is a luxury rather

The group has no plans to abandon its engineering bias and although its shopping list of international companies is hardly open for inspection, it is clear that unlike one or two of its fellow nationalization victims, Hawker has plans to do more than just put the cash on.

A 43 per cent improvement in pre-tax profits to E75.4m from the group excluding its soon-to-depart aerospace business in this country reaffirms the pace of growth of the remaining business, only mar-ginally helped this year by sterling devaluation.

Since Hawker plans to use its Government compensation money to buy new businesses here and abroad, analysis of the existing group, provides little guide to its future shape.

So at 5300 up 20p yesterday, and yielding just 4.3 per cent, the shares now take on a faintly peculative air. But this is a blue chip speculation.

Final		1976	(1075)
Capitalization Sales		£253m £974m	(£829m)
Pre-tax profits .		£99.7m	(£73.8m)
Earnings per share	•	101.1p	(62.8p)
Dividend gross		22.51p	(20.46p)

Jardine Matheson

The currency problem

House bare rising only 5 per cent to HKSL47 half as much as the average of the previous six years. Microring the dull trading picture, the shares, too, GOVERN the buoyant Hang Seng index
to as its but the other major trading
to houses as well.

Even so, net profits 13.6 per cent cheed at HK\$302m (£38m) were in line with outside expec-tations and the disappointment more in the absence of the normel scrip issue.

In the event it has been currency movement rather than any serious shortcomings in trading that have been responsible for the lecklustre showing. With the HK\$ one of the strongest currencies in the world last year and Jardine earning 51 per cent outside lingkong (some in very weak currency green like the United kingdom and South Africa), there has been an exchange loss of HK\$15m and the group points out tarrly that in sterling terms there would have been a 47 per cent rise in profits.

47 per cent rise in profits.

Hongkong sofivities have been broyed up by the full year inclusion of newcomers Gammon and Zung Fn and apart from financial services hit by the generally low level of activity there the other Hong-kong business too have had a generally good year.

Overseas, however, is another matter and the lion's share of



BY THE FINANCIAL EDITOR

Hawker prepares for

an international

Sir Arnold Hall, chairman of Hawker Siddeley on the lookout for acquisition.

the three-quarters drop in natural resources, 6 per cent is due to the depressed sugar price with the group probably only just breaking even at current United States sugar prices.

For the current year much For the current year, much. hinges on sugar where Jardine's gearing to increased prices is enormous, but even with a maiden committed on from Transporting and Trading in the Middle East and moves by the Hongkong authorities to take some of the steam out of the dollar outside estimates for 1977 err on the side of caution at erround HK\$320m or \$1.55 a share. An historic p/e ratio of 161 is low by Hongkong standards and 1977 could be the dividend year Jardine comes in out of

Final: 1976 (1975)
Capitalization \$4,890m
Net profits \$302m (\$265m)
Earnings.per share \$1.47 (\$1.40)

Dividend gross 63 cents (57 cents) All figures in Hongkong \$.

European Ferries Cautious: accounting

Exceptional currency gains on overseas ticket sales accounted for almost two-fiftins of the £4.7m increase in European. Ferries pre-tax profits last year. But even setting this sum aside the 1976 outcome is someway ahead of most market expectations.

Helped by commercial and passenger traffic increases of about 17 and 15 per cent respectively, the shipping division was able to take advantage of fare increases in the secondhalf, after a fairly static first-six months. Profits in this division climbed by more than a quarter to £8.2m. Nine months figures from

Felixstowe Docks anatched from the laws of the state's Docks Board last summer, amounted to fractionally under film and ilited harbour division profits to £1.47m; Felixstowe is currently faling all the stowe is currently taking all the trade it can handle and bust-

ness can only get better as a result of deep-water dredging now being carried out.

Meanwhile a huge below the line debit of £8.6m representing losses on foreign currency leave after deducting a £4.1m loans—after deducting a £4.1m ship sale profit—comes as no surprise in the light of the group's cautious accounting policy.

Around 85 per cent of Euro-

pean's shipbuilding borrowings of £67m are in hard currencies like D-marks and Danish gilders but overseas assets which are not revalued yearly on a sterling basis are thought to be worth roughly twice this sum.

And the eventual benefits of such caution are clear enough

the £4.1m profit on the sale of three ships. One of the vessels involved, the 12-year-old Viking II sold for \$6m had a book value of less than \$200,000. Heavy spending on the fleet

which was a major cause of the rise in gearing and as such the major factor behind the shares fall from grace in the past few years is now starting to pay off.

Cash flow is moving strongly shead of capital repayments and European has outpaced most of its rivals in necessary modernization. With at least a 50 per cent increase expected from Felixstowe this year and over £2m expected from a re-viving property division 1977 profits could climb to comfortably in excess of £14m.

The shares of f14m,

The shares up 3½p to 71½p yesterday after a steady climb in recent weeks after a p/e of 5.7 a rating which still does not seem to be faking full account of the prespects—let alone speculation about a full bid for the group.

Final: 1976 (1975) Capitalization E59.26m Sales £93.5m (£66m) Pre-tax profits £11.06m

(£6.37m) Earnings per share 12.6p (8.5p) Dividend gross 3.07p (2.79p)

Rockware

dividend

At the end of 1976 Rockware, following the successful \$5.6m sale of its Greenford site, had £7.4m in cash, and most of its borrowings were long term, so its need for the £3.5m rights issue announced yesterday, is somewhat limited. But the attraction of raising the dividend by 49 per cent dovetails nicely simost doubled capital spending of £10m this year, plans for acquisitions two of which have already been implemented at a cost of film—and a growing requirement to fin-ance stocks which were swiftly depleted in the fourth quarter by a sudden rise in demand. Net cash flow from trading last year was nearly £9m, and providing demand continues to hold up, should be at least as high this year, but the rights issue money could easily disthe year end figure, stocks of finished goods and work in-progress were being runed round every 3; weeks when the more normal picture would see seven week numound.

Even so, the rights issue should leave borrowings virtually unchanged this year unless there are major acquistions. Meanwhile Pilkington is keeping its options open by accepting the one-for-four rights at 82p for its 191 per cent holding.

prospective yield on the ex-rights price is 8 per cent, which is fine, providing the rise in demend does not disappear with the lack of increased consumer spending as fast as it arrived.

Accounts: 1976 (1975) Capitalization £18m Net assets E16.1m (£21.5m) Borrowings £4.9m (£14.3m) Pre-tax profit £6.3m (£4.3m) Barnings per share 17.21p.
(12.83p)

Revolt of the 'silent minority' underlines union antagonism to phase three

The disorganized revolt of the rank and file against wage restraint has hitherto lacked direction. It has now found a focal point in the spreading discontent among skilled. workers Disputes at British Leyland, British Steel's Port works and at Ford Motors suggest that the traditionally "silent minority" of craftsmen will pull down the imposing edifice of the social contract, not the militants usually associated with indus-

Disaffection in the car indus try mirrors a wider antagonism felt by the skilled, who argue that their status and rewards have been unduly eroded by two years of wage curbs that improve the relative lot of the lower paid—at their expense.

The levelling tendency of incomes policy à la Jack Jones has stored up irritation which is now feeding into the argument over what should follow phase two of the social contract. It is an annoyance that is running ahead of the cumbersome democracy of trade union conferences where policy is made.

Between these annual seaside jamborees, the shop floor is effectively disenfranchized; if the union leadership is wedded

cannot look to its national leaders for support in its disillusionment with restrictions on collective bargaining.

In this situation the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers is particularly prone to the charge that it has "lost control" of its members. That is a misreading of the way things are. The engineers probably have the most democratic constitution of any trade union.

The lay policymaking body,

The lay policymaking body, the 52-member national committee, meets every May to determine attitudes that bind union officials, be they Mr Hugh Scanlon or the meanest district secretary, to carry out to the best of their ability. Short of a recall of the national committee (which is not unknown), that policy is a rigid master. It takes no account of changing conditions; it can, and now is, putting the union into an unhappy relation-

At the Scottish TUC the engineering workers will today vote against the miners de-mand for an end to incomes policy. The Scottish executive council man, Mr Gavin Laird, argued that the delegation could take no other view because it was bound by last year's deci-

no means unanimous on policy. It usually divides very marginto a deal on pay reached It usually divides very margin-between the TUC and the ally in favour of the moderates, Government, the rank and file Some regions and some indusPaul Routledge... Labour Editor

tries are more militant than others, and their delegates usually vote against wage restraint. The present engineers' revolt is based in those militant areas and in those plants: Heathrow, British Leyland and

To an extent, it is a political rebellion. These districts send left wing representatives to the policymaking body and tend to be the first to kick over the traces when pay policy appears to be failing. It would be un-usual if they did not take their chance when it came. Their dilemma is that the

neir diemma is that the union's policy is a fly in amber. Much has happened since the national committee voted last May to go along with the second year of wage curbs. It may in fact almost certainly will—change its mind in two weeks ship with its most active memtime when the conference assembles in Eastbourne. The agenda is dominated by resolu-tions from both left and moderate regions calling for a return to free collective bar-gaining. And it is difficult to see how the engineers' leaders can avoid a policy switch, even if they want to.

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strike leaders.

The agreement entered into at British Levland, where other unions agreed to take part in a strike-breaking exercise to end the month-loog toolmakers stoppage, was a critical departure from this tradition.

It was a shift in policy that did not survive through the Heathrow dispute, and it does not appear to have caught on Mr Frank Chapple's elec-tricians union has not thus far

attempted to repeat the formula in the unofficial strike by 500 of his members at the Pott Talbot state steelworks.

In private, leaders of craft unions attending the Scorish TIC this week above their TUC this week, argue that their difficulties will not be resolved until restrictions on collective bargaining are taken away. Mr Tom Brakell, the electricians' president, which has not backed its steel industry strikers, pre-dicts that the discontent in South Wales will break out elsewhere. He would like to see return to unfettered pay egotiations. It is not, then, a question of

dustries faced with the revolt on their own shop floor. By the same token of democracy that is built into its constitution, the AUEW does not make a habit of dragooning members in discipline and the electricians whose rough stand against unofficial elements is legendary. Of course, very many more craftsmen are working normally unknown to expel mofficial strike leaders.

The agreement entered into at British Leyland, where other unions agreed to take part in who have fought before are fighting again, aided by the un-certainty among TUC leaders about what should follow the

present incomes policy.

Today is the left's "day of action" which will disclose the measure of organized, militant backing for the campaign against any renewal of the pay curbs. British Leyland shop stewards and the Communist-led Liaison Committee for the Defence of Trade Unions, have called for widespread token stoppages in protest at govern-ment plans to sustain the incomes policy. MPs will have an opportunity, willy nilly, to test the temperature of the shop floor during a lobby of Parlia-

It would be an oversight to it would be an oversight to dismiss the frustrations of the skilled because, for the day, they have been orchestrated by the left. A solution to the argument about pay will come only from the political arena and not

Rosemary Brown on the contentious workings of the Shops Act

Never on Sunday?

On Sunday, as the law stands, you can buy a razor for cutting your corns-but not for shaving; purchase fish and chips from a Chinese takeaway, but not from a bona fide fish and chip shop; get a copy of Planboy to read, but not a Bible in hardback; buy fresh milk for tea and coffee but not the dried or tinned variety for a baby's feed. And the purchase of fresh meat is taboo on Sunday, unless you are for-

kosher butcher near by. The law is so complicated, so out of touch with reality and so utterly confusing that even officials from the Home Office have been heard to groan when asked to spell out in a couple of short sentences the nub of the Shops Acts.

tunate enough to have a

The basic regulations state that shops should be closed by 8 pm on weekdays and by 9 pm on the one late night evening of the week (which is Swarday, unless specified differently by the local council). A shop is not allowed to be open on Sunday and must shut once a week by 1 pm for offi-cial early closing.

However, there are many exceptions, special cases, secsonal considerations, particular a host of other absurdices that turn what should be a simple issue into a bureau-Knowing the regulations is no

Knowing the regulations is no guarantee of successful 24-hour shopping. The vast majority of shops close well before they need and very few, if any, open as early as they might (any time after midnight). Another reason for the existing chaos is that the law, particularly as regards Sunday trading, is being broken across the nation.

Many local councils turn a blind eye on shop hour offences, unless there is an actual complaint; and a fair number of complaints they do receive are not only malicious designed to create trouble for immigrant shop-keepers— but in fact, ill-

When a law is archaic because the life-style for which it was conceived has changed, complex to the point of being

virtually unenforceable, and Workers People who argue for counter to public order in that longer hours always ignore it is being flouted every day of the price factor, paciently the year, one might suppose explains Richard Weir, directions would be a good argument for of the Retail Consortium. for changing the law.

Another powerful argument proportion are working wives want shopping hours

enterprise factor. Everyone agrees greater productivity is vital; so if a customer wants to buy something and a retailer is prepared to work longer hours to sell it, surely this should be a matter for rapturous applause?

Longer hours

And many shopkeepers, as it s obvious not only from the number breaking the law but from the pressure of such groups as ROSTA (Repeal of the Sunday Trading Act) and the National Union of Small Shopkespers which represents some 8,500 retail outlets and whose secretary William Booth claims that for many of his members "longer hours mean and extinction" are clamour-ing for the right to work harder:

The Consumers' Association says the Shops Act is rediculous and should be scrapped nlous and should be scrapped, on the underiable criterion that when it comes to shopping, the customer's interest is paramount. In the meantims, the various legal loopholes are being exploited hard and imaginatively. Among the more elaborate schemes that have been tried with varying success are: trading clubs, Sunday "demonstrations", and the device of selling goods that are allowed—say, apples—for £100, allowed—say, apples—for f100, and giving away with them a large double bed.

There is also entrenched opposition to change from the Retail Fruit Trade Federation and the National Federation of Meat Traders. Sunday trading is impractical, flatly comments John Phillips, assistant general secretary of the Union of Shop, Distributive and Allied

The point they and others are making is that longer is the consumer angle: two hours mean higher operating surveys (one Home Office, one costs, which in turn mean Consumers' Association) indi-higher prices. In particular, cate variously that nearly the worry is about the need half—of which a very high for extra staff and overtime rates; and time and again the argument is put that extended hours will not increase turnover but simply spread the same volume of sales over a longer period.

Other, less altruistic, fears are behind the campaign to prevent reform. Shopkeepers need a rest day too is the popular cry. So do shop popular cry. "So do shop assistants" emphasizes Usdaw which, with a predominantly married female membership, is violently opposed to Sunday shift work. Making Sunday trading optional is meaningless" goes the well rehearsed objection. "If some shops open, we shall all have to fall into line for self preservation."

Large shops and multiples maintain (despite unemployment) they will never find the staff to work unsocial hours. Small shops, who believe they will, are scared that if the battle hors up they will be swamped by the competition. Shops that are breaking the that are present law and getting away with it compromise which sets a limit Arabbacke object to a free-for-all, on the of fawer trading hours than in The T basis of losing their ill-gotten are acruelly allowed at present edvantage.

For all the robust presents, and allow individual choice to tion, most groups concede that there is dissension within their ranks. Many individual shops want to do their own thing and let market forces test the reward-for-enterprise debate. Furthermore, grievances abound even among those lobbying for the retention of res-tricted trading.

Sunday markets are a cause of much voluble complaint, in that they mitigate unfairly against local shops. Many small butchers and greengrocers deplore the extended Christmas/New Year holiday since, with some markets open and others closed, fresh supplies are diffi-cult to plan-resulting in limiced consumer choice and loss of trade to the larger. shops; with more storage capac-

Quagmire

The National Food and Drink Federation which con-demns the Shops Act as "an absolute quagmire" but whose members are sharply divided, believes the best solution is a legal maximum number of hours say 60—but with shops having the absolute freedom to decide when 10 be open.

Undoubtedly, this is a reasonable compromise. But for

dictate the issue? The great fear that freedom open will chain shopkeepers their counters at all hours is highly questionable, since most shops are closed most evenings by 6 pm—if not well before. The consumer-revoltagainst-higher-prices argument is also unproven, as those shops that do trade on Sunday

usually charge extra and are almost invariably crowded. The unfair competition objection is also specious, since equal choice for all will enhance fair trading rather than diminish it. And for from imposing a straitjacket, it will achieve the reverse. While some shops may opt for maximum trading at higher cost, others will choose shorter hours with more competitive prices. More flexibility will also mean more jobs.

Naturally, genuine fears do exist ... but the dominant meschange. sage seems to be fear of

S&M Hotels

The Central City Hotel and the Cantral Park Hotel, which are together estimated to be worth more than £7m, remain the property of S & M Hotels and continue to trade under the management of the receivers. Arab-backed buyer as was stated in The Times Business News

holding. Up 4p yesterday at 105p the

City of Oslo (Norway) 9% Sinking Fund External Loan Bonds due May 1, 1985.

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Business Diary: Hailing Sir Lou. • Treasure's trail

The larger than life Lord Goodman is to be succeeded as chairman of the Housing Corporation y a man of smaller girth but anal dynamism. Sir Lou Shernan, alderman, JP and office vorthy associations and bodies han this column can reasonibly accommodate, is also a

Sir Lou started driving taxis n 1936 and has held a licence ver since. "Until very recently d do two days a week and ccasionally still do two or three ours in order to keep my hand a", he said at his East End ome yesterday.
Asked whether he would

und posing with his cab for ur photographer, Sir Lou said would certainly pose but we ould have to provide the back-ey carriage. "I was a journey-lan tax driver, not an owner-river. Pve never created." river. Pve never aspired to use great heights." One of the main responsibili-es of the Housing Corporation the registering and control

of housing associations. The new chairman promises be refreshingly outspoken. When it was put to him that is appointment to the English ourist Board in 1975 was part f an effort to gag him for his funt words about the pressures f tourism on London, he re-lied: "I don't believe anyone

as yet been invented who can hut me up." A realist, Sir Lou does, worry omewhat about the effects of he tourist boom on the capital,



Sir Lou Sherman (and borrowed cab) in the East End yesterday.

nconveniences. -He wants to use his role at the corporation to mount a joint effort with local authorities to provide the kind of housing needed to attract skilled workers to the right place at the right time.

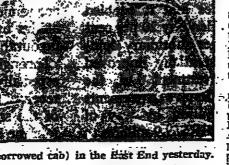
In store?

John Treasure, spokesman for the advertising industry and group chairman of I. Walter

Thompson, is opting out—ior the time being.

In a surprise memorandum yesterday, Tressure, who is 52, told the agency's staff that he is to retire at the oud of this year. By then, he said, he would have completed 25 years with the company and "I think that is long enough ".

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market research subsidiary in the 1950s, to support himself-while reading for his doctorate at Cambridge, joined the staff and became managing director

five years later.
After that his career moved After that his career moved, progressively upwards, culminating in his appointment in March, 1975, as chairman of the entire European section of the JWT agency group. He immediate past-president of the Institute of Practitioners in Advertising Advertising.

He is not saying what his plans for the future are. It is known, however, that he wants to apply his skills to problems wider than presented in the strict confines of advertising His successor as group chair-man will be Denis Lanigan; at present deputy chairman.

After Sir Derek balance of payments and pro- started as a university lecturer. Whitehall seems to be having Potts of call vides much needed jobs:—The in economics. He became in some difficulty in picking a long day now (possibly even trick is to get the right balance volved with JWT's British successor to Sir Derek Mitchell, Any day now (possibly even

Second Permanent Secretary in charge of the Treasury's Over-seas Finance Sector, who is leaving Great George Street for merchant banking with Guinness Mahon.

The front runners are thought to be Anthony Rawlinson, Second Permanent Secre-

son, Second Permanent Secre-tary at the Department of Industry and William Ryrie, Economic Minister in Washing-ton and United Kingdom Direc-tor at the IME

tor at the IMF.
Rawlinson, a large, tall, craggy
mountaineer has, at 51, a
breadth of governmental experience including spells at the
Ministry of Labour and the
Atomic Energy Authority to
place alongside a fine Treasury pedigree. As Economic Minister in Washington 1972-75, he won a reputation for being a stubborn bargainer.

Just the kind of man we need, you might think, as the country totters back and forth on the

edge of a siege economy. Should Sir Douglas Allen and his Senior Appointments Selection Committee eventually plump for Rawlinson, he will present a nice contrast to the elegant, diminutive Sir Derek.

Ryrie is judged by Whitehali to be a smoother character than Rawlinson. Less combative in negotiation, his skills as an negoriation, his skills as an operator are rated very highly. At 48, and not long a deputy secretary, he is thought by some to be a little young for the Mitchell post—though as private secretary to Roy Jenkins and Lord Barber during their successive Chancellorships, he is no stranger to the Treasury's inner circle of policy-making

may want. But the uncertainty surrounding the new body has meant their no decisions about them have been taken.

There had been speculation that the new state body might take an option on the SRNA's leased building next door to the British Steel Corporation as its London base. But the offices, recently revamped at great cost, are not to be taken over by British Shiphuilders.

cost, are not to be taken over by British Shipbuilders.

Mike Casey, chief executive designate of British Shipbuilders, has already offered jobs to a number of people employed by the SRNA, but neither Baylis, nor his deputy Roy Brown, will be crossing the bridge to the public sector. Brown is to be the first fullitime director of the Association time director of the Association of West European Shinbuilders

circle of policy-making. while Baylis, who joined the SRNA three years ago, is job

today) Eric Varley, or his ministerial colleague, Gerald Kaufman, will announce the formation of British Shipbuilders. We will also learn where the new state corporation is to have its beadquarters and the betting on this is that it will be in the North-east. The long delay in setting up the new body is causing not a few headaches at the Shipbuilders and Reparers National builders and Repairers National Association, the employers body which opposed nationaliza-tion. Its director, Cliff Baylis, and his colleagues, are involved in running down the SRNA which, if all goes according to plan, will ring down the

shutters on June 30. Over the years the SRNA has accumulated a vast wealth of documents and records, some of which British Shipbuilders may want. But the uncertainty

The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation

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Statement by the Chairman, Mr G M Sayer at the Annual General Meeting of The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation held in Hong Kong on 15th April, 1977.

The Group consolidated profit for 1976, after deduction of outside shareholders' interests in subsidiaries, was HK\$393 million representing an increase of HK\$60 million or 18 per cent-over the profit for 1975.

The Accounts of the parent company, The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, include dividends from The British Bank of the Middle East, Mercantile Bank Ltd, Hang Seng Bank Ltd, Wardley Ltd and Wayhong Investment Ltd, as well as the Banks trustee company in Hong Kong and finance companies in Hong Kong, Malaysia, Singapore and Brunei. Other subsidiaries retained their profits.

After making transfers and provisions the Bank's own profit was HK\$356 million compared with HK\$312 million for the previous year.

We propose to transfer HK\$50 million to the published reserves and after allowing for this and for the interim dividend of HK\$0.16 per share your directors recommend a final dividend of HK\$0.44 per share.

The auditors have pointed out that because of changes in our property portfolio during 1976 the previous valuation figure of HK\$300 million would in fact have been below cost. It was therefore felt appropriate to write up property to a more realistic figure which bore a closer relationship to current values. Your directors have accordingly revalued bank premises at HK\$500 million, but, having regard to the specialised nature of some of our properties, they have continued to adopt a very conservative view in this respect. The surplus arising from this revaluation has been transferred to inner reserves.

As a result of this transfer and after making allowances for changes in the net asset value of certain subsidiary companies, which are shown in the notes to the accounts, it was felt that an amount of HK\$180 million could be transferred from inner reserves to the published reserve fund.

Following this meeting you will be asked to approve a further increase in the Bank's paid-up capital by the capitalisation of some HK\$95 million from the reserve fund to allow for the issue, free of charge, of one new share for every ten shares held on 7 April. If this proposal is approved, the amount capitalised from the reserve fund will be restored by a transfer from undistributed profits. Your directors have already announced that they expect to be able to recommend dividends for 1977 totalling not less than HK\$0.60 per share on the capital as increased.

At last year's meeting I said that I thought a revival of the world's principal markets was under way. I did, however, qualify my remarks by warning against anticipating rapid results and, in retrospect, I am glad that I did because the process of recovery, if one takes the world as a whole, has been slow and patchy.

After 30 years of almost continuous growth coupled with rising living standards and expectations it was I suppose inevitable that the old order would change and that we would have to go through a period of re-assessment and re-arrangement of priorities, both social and economic. We are in such a phase at the moment, old agreements covering monetary and trading matters have been dismantled or abandoned, and in the absence of new agreements more in tune with today's conditions, they have tended to be superseded by fiscal and other legislation designed to protect and preserve national interest. In this sort of atmosphere it is no easy thing to generate confidence and this has been borne out by a

low rate of new investment in plant and machinery as well as new investment in mineral and other developments.

But if we are to overcome the twin evils of inflation and under-employment no amount of planning by itself is going to provide the answer. The world's economy has to be encouraged to expand and this means providing incentives to produce and consume. The principle of allowing market forces to dictate the level of production, whether it be primary produce or manufactured goods, is not the whole solution, nor can it be sustained in an age where the maintenance of minimum living standards is rightly the bedrock of every government's policy, irrespective of doctrine.

Some degree of international understanding is therefore needed on the one hand to promote growth and on the other to reduce the consequencies of sudden shortages or excesses which occur even in the best organised societies and which can have serious and long lasting effects on individual economies. The new administration in the U.S.A. to whom we look for a lead has indicated that it is aware of these shortcomings — and that it will actively sponsor international discussion with the aim of stimulating economic recovery.

Fluctuating markets, whether they be for imports of essential foodstuffs and fuel and of materials for industry or for the export of manufactured goods, have had their impact in Hong Kong. However, the timely measures taken by the Government in 1975 to ensure that the economy functioned effectively established a sound competitive base from which industry, trade and other forms of commercial activity could subsequently exploit new opportunities, as the recession eased. The effectiveness of the policy decisions taken at that time has been plain to see in economic performance in 1976.

A by-product of this success, if that be the right word, has been the strengthening of the Hong Kong dollar. Whereas those in the business of exporting have so far been able to absorb the effects, it will not be in their or anyone's interests to allow our currency to appreciate too much and certainly not too quickly.

We have continued to open new branches reflecting a great adherence to the banking habit by the people of Hong Kong. We now have 144 branches operating in the urban areas and the New Territories which offer a wide and ever increasing range of services.

In much the same way the Hang Seng Bank Ltd, whose business is entirely in Hong Kong, have expanded in the prevailing conditions and published excellent results for which Mr S H Ho, the Honourable Q W Lee and all members of their staff are to be congratulated.

The Middle East is an area which is in the forefront of people's minds, covering as it does countries which now have some of the highest levels of per capita income. Much of the world's accumulated monetary resources are moving into the hands of oil producing states. To manage and to co-ordinate the orderly spending of this wealth which is a comparatively new phenomenon for those charged with this responsibility will undoubtedly be a difficult task. Understanding and agreement between oil producer and consumer is an essential ingredient. There has been some progress in this regard and if this can be maintained it will strongly influence the pace of economic recovery.

In the Lebanon a cease fire has been arranged. The damage to property and loss of life has been appalling and The British Bank

of the Middle East's operations in that country have suffered in common with others. It has been necessary for them to make provisions for outstandings considered to be suspect and as a consequence the published profit after tax of that bank for 1976 at £4,462,000 was slightly less than the previous year, but sufficient to allow the same dividend of £3,500,000 to be maintained. Operating profit was nonetheless a record, reflecting buoyant conditions elsewhere in the region. During the year the paid-up capital was again increased, to £20 million, and the reserve fund increased to a similar figure, thereby raising total published shareholders' funds to slightly over £40 million.

The results of branches, subsidiaries and associated companies elsewhere have varied considerably and were largely conditioned by circumstances existing in the terrorities in which they are situated. For example in Australia, where we are heavily involved in term finance of property, the real estate market has remained very weak indeed – so much so that we were obliged to subscribe further capital to our operating companies there to allow for additional provision to be made for debts in the doubtful category and to cover running losses. We are, however, hopeful of an improved business environment in the year ahead, which in my opinion is long overdue.

I have in recent years had to report disappointing results from our subsidiary in the U.S.A., The Hongkong Bank of California. There was a significant improvement during 1976, but we are still faced with a serious problem in the form of a tax claim by the Californian Franchise Tax Board. This particular type of taxation, which in our opinion is discriminatory, is based on the Bank's world-wide profits and, if the claim is pressed, it will render it improbable that the company, as a wholly-owned subsidiary, will ever make a profit after tax. The claim is the subject of dispute and negotiation in California and we hope that some form of settlement can be reached without either recourse to litigation or the restructuring of our operation. It is not possible to predict the outcome with confidence and we must be prepared for every eventuality.

I will not attempt to comment on all your Bank's interests, which are extensive. Nevertheless I would not wish to let the occasion pass without mentioning Wardley Ltd, our merchant banking arm, which has made rapid progress since it was established five years ago. 1976 was a year of expansion in the field of wholesale financial services and it enabled them to increase their dividend by 20 per cent to HK\$24 million. Another subsidiary company which showed substantially improved results was Wayhong Investment Ltd, the holding company for the Bank's investments in transportation. Distribution by way of dividend was raised from HK\$59.9 million to HK\$73.7 million, mainly as a result of increased dividends received from companies of the World Wide Group. It is gratifying to be able to report improved earnings from shipping at a time when the industry, particularly in the bulk cargo sector, has been going through a difficult period. It says much for the astuteness of Mr Y K Pao and his colleagues that they have been able to steer a steady and secure course through somewhat troubled waters.

In May we completed the move to our new and prestigious offices at 99 Bishopsgate, London, where we were joined by The British Bank of the Middle East and Mercantile Bank Ltd. Opportunity was at the same time taken to acquire the head lease of this property and we subsequently sold the old premises in Gracechurch Street at an attractive price, given the state of the property market. In Jakarta the branch moved into a new building and in Kuala Lumpur construction of our new Malaysian headquarters is proceeding satisfactorily.

We continue our physical expansion, with new branches being opened in Chinatown, New York, in Jersey, Channel Islands, and in Bahrain, the last being an offshore banking unit. In the course of 1977 we expect to establish branches in Gerrard Street, London, in Nassau, Bahamas, in Edinburgh, Scotland, and in Amsterdam, Holland.

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There were no changes in the composition of your Board of directors. However, Mr Peter Foxon is resigning shortly following his departure for the United Kingdom and I am sure you would wish me to record our deep appreciation of his seven years service as a director. Also resigning on retirement after this meeting is Mr Eric Udal, executive director, who will be replaced by Mr John Boyer. Mr Udal joined the Bank as Group Legal Adviser 15 years ago, after an earlier career with the United Kingdom Treasury Solicitor's Department. He has given outstanding service at a time of great change in the Bank's fortunes and his presence will be greatly missed.

As you know I shall be retiring next September and will be succeeded as Chairman by Mr Michael Sandberg, to whom I extend my best wishes. Looking back to those uncertain days after the war years when I first joined the Bank I consider myself fortunate to have been able to observe and to participate in enormous changes that have taken place, generally for the better, in Asia and countries adjoining the Pacific. I have no doubt that, given a measure of political stability, the prospects for real economic growth and influence in world affairs by countries of this region are more favourable than they have ever been.

Throughout my career in the Bank and especially during my time as Chairman I have received invaluable support from all members of the staff and I am sure you will want to join me in thanking them for the service they so willingly give.

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			£million	£million
Issued Share Capital	***	***	85.2	120.0
Reserve Fund			91.5	149.6
Share Premium Accoun	t		1.0	
Undistributed Profit	***		16.0	16.2
Deposits	•••	***	4,109.8	6,037.6
Advances		279	1,781.9	2,769.3
Bank Premises		***	53.6	132.7
Net Profit		***	32.7	49.5
Total Assets	•••	***	5,679.9	8,334.8



Stock markets

Hawker fails to stir action

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As the pay debate intensifies, avestors are becoming evernore selective and this is effected in the daily total of orgains marked which are urrently running at around

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While most market men will dmit that another round of

iciding around 10 per cent, wil engineer A. Monk has been a demand this week with the haves up 4p to 68p. Profits we in a couple of months are specied to show a good dwarce on last year's £1.1m and an added attraction is the roup's involvement in water listribution work.

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my restraint will, of necessity, have to be more flexible than is predecessors, it is the degree of this flexibility and the effect on company profits which is at the heart of the present un-

A number of speculative tocks continue to feature but for the moment it is company stements which are attracting

The strongest feature of the yeas provided by profits and share split from Hawker biddeley whose shares, op ahead in front of the figures, closed 20p to the good at 530p. Also in engineerings, a bullish annual report helped Spirax Sarco to jump 8p to 65p, but figures did nothing for Spear & Jackson which fell a couple of pence to end at 116p. In elec-tricals, the sharp advance which ricals, the sharp advance which followed Reyrolle Parsons' figures on Monday was clipped back on profitcaking, for a drop of 5p to 160p. EMI also fell back, by 5p to 203p.

After touching 138p in the continuing hope of a bid from 15 parent, Cavenham ended 2p ower at 134p, while the lack of ourther takeover news left

urther taksover news left Callenkamp no less than 13p

Initially firm on "bear" closing and a degree of guarded optimism over Monday's trade figures, share prices fell back is further support was not forthcoming.

Not even strong figures from Hawker Siddeley could do nutch for the general tone and the FT Index, slightly ahead for most of the morning, closed it full point lower at 408.1.

There was a more mixed showing from the gilt-edged fluxet. Short dates recovered trom early weakness to end with gains of one-eighth, but mediums" and "longs" lost in the pay debute intensifies, neestors are becoming ever nore selective and this is efficient of the gain was a more impressive the gain was a more impressive and the daily total of the gain was a more impressive and this is effected in the daily total of the gain was a more impressive the gain was a mor

the gain was a more impressive 42p to 41p.
In the building sector, Ibstock In the building sector, Ibstock Johnsen lost ground to the extent of 3p to 93p after the chairman's warning on current trading. Other buildings in retreat were International Paint 10p to 420p and Marchwiel 3p to 170p, but figures from Higgs & Hill were good for a gain of 1p to 480.

News that H. Samuel now has a stake of around 20 per cent gave an active Ratners a 3p lift to 62p, but criticism of two of its stars left Management Agency & Music 4p off at 59p.

John Menzies held firm at 120p in the paper sector after figures but Reed were on offer, losing 5p to 214p. After a firm start, BP lost ground in oils, to close 4p lower at 854p and hampered by the energy con-News that B. Samuel now has hampered by the energy con-servation call from President a Government statement on the company, but this did not materialise.

A dull Far Eastern sector had Jardine Matheson 7p off at 305p after figures. British Car Anctions, another with a statement, rose half a point to 30p.

In the banking sector, National Westminster proved to be the weakest after its meeting, losing 3p to 225p, while in overseas issues HK & Shanghai were lowered 5p to 318p. Anthony Gibbs was a firm spot at 45p, up 3p.

Properties were a few pence lower with Bridgewater 10p off at 228p on the lack of further developments and an active Trafalgar House down 4p to 112p. Bid hopes continued to boost Peachey which gained 3p for a close of 451p. Equity iurnover on April 18 was £48.88m (15,207 bargains). Active stocks yesterday, eccording to Exchange Telegraph, were ICI, BP, Gill & Duffus, Shell, BAT Dfd, GKN new, Glavo, Trafalgar House, EMI, Lucas, Hawker Siddeley, Gus "A", Beechams, Marks & Spencer, National Westminster, Spirax Sarco, European Ferries, Lofs, British & Commonwealth, Peachey, Reyrolle Parsons and Ramers.

Latest dividends

Company	Ord	Year	Pay	Year's	Prev
(and par value)	diler	ago	date	total	
British Car Auction (10p) Int	78.01	0.48*+	31/5	_	year 2.06*†
Champeriam Grp (25p) Fin	1.27	1.37	1/7	1.87	
DTAYION Cons Test (25p) Int	1.21	1.22	27/5	¥.01	1.7 4.12
European Ferries (25p) Fin	1 22	1.21	-1/3	1.99	
Garnar Scotblair (25p) Fin	1 75	1.17	_		1.81
Hawker Siddeley (El) Fig	7.73	4.17		3.25	2.17
Arthur Henriques (10p) Fin	1.03	7.16	7/7	14.63	13.3 :
Higgs & Hill (25p) Fin	4.7	1.28	23/5	1.8	1.67
Long & Hambly (10p) Int	1.51	1.19	-	3.07	2.79
Moiville Dender (25-) 74-	V.+	0.37	1/6	=	1,28
Meiville, Dundas (25p) Fin	1.55	1.41+		2.43	2.21+
John Menzies (25p) Fin	2.11	1.92	_	4.2	3.82
Noble & Lund (10p) Fin	0.5			0.7	-
Sth Constructions (5p) Fin	0.43	0.49	2/6	0.86	0.69
Spear & Jackson (25p) Fin	5.8	3.16	21/5	7.38	4.74
Uto Carriers (100) Sec Int.	1.45	1.32	17/6	2.07	1.88
Wackin (50m) Fin	3 43	2.95	1/6	5.3	4.83
New London Props (25n) Fin	4±	5.25		4±	5.25
Tern-Consulate (250) Fin	0.62	0.5	_	0.52	0.5
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Disclosures take on pace as TDG. Imps, Refuge show stakes

Companies Act became a flood yesterday and provided the odd surprise for he market as the long list of soldings between 5 and 10 per int were steadily revealed. Many of the declarations were

il institutional holdings and were consequently of little attrest, but others such as fransport Development Group's 19 per cent holding in United latters and Imperial Group's 391 per cent stake in brewers, Manhaw Brown, with another Lis per cent held by ITC Pendon Investments, were more

intriguing Scottish Cities Investment Irost's holdings aroused some interest by revailing a five per ent interest in Ocean Wilsons, and 7.49 per cent in Rea Irothers, the merchant Bank, where Ocean Wilsons and Irothers, the merchant Bank, here Ocean Wilsons also holds .24 per cent.

Ocean Wilsons investments iso included 120,000 shares in itothert & Pitt, and 9.88 per

John Laing & Son announced ted Fisheries, British Home that Eksmuir held 6.93 per cent Stores, Danish Bacon, Montague Harris Lebus stated that British Industrial Holdings held a 7.18 per cent stake and Southern Malayan Tin said it had been informed of holdings by Ayer Hitam Tin (7.64 per cent) and Malayan Tin Dredging (5.43 per

Mr J. B. Brierley, chairman of Ash Spinning has informed the company of a 5.75 per cent stake held by himself and his wife. Carr's Milling Industries has been notified of a total of 10.89 per cent held by Heygate & Sons and their associates, and Maram Holdings have informed Gill & Dufus, the commodity trading group, of a 5.5 per cent stake, while Hoover Co, the US group, controls 69 per cent of British Hoover Ltd.

On the list of institutional revelations, possibly the longest came from Refuge Assurance, which disclosed holdings of be-tween 5 and 10 per cent in

L. Meyer, and the preference stocks of several water com-panies.

Outwich Investment Trust realed a beodful of inminuiz stakes including 5.3 per cent in: J. A. Devenish, the brawers, Prudential, which has holdings of between 5 and 10 per cent in around 200 companies, croo-crooped up as stakeholders in Leonard Fairclough, while Nor-wich Union declared stakes in the preference stock of British

Petroleum, and Foden. Derby Trust, which was de-claring stakes in other com-panies on Monday, yesterday informed the stock exchange that C & A Pension Trustees has stakes of more than 5 per cent in three of its own classes

of share. Wesleyan and General Assur-ance cropped up as a stake-holder several times, as did various Drayton Trusts, various Scottish investment houses and companies including: Associa-Hambro Investment Trust.

Wadkin gets into its stride

The economy may be stag-ant or nearly so, but not Wad-in, the world's largest maker woodworking machinery ith interests in machine tools

and the figure from strong recovery in orders been noticed as long ago the approximent last May's annual meeting a generally life ders to dwindle to the point here profits fall, so it takes me months for them to ्राक्ष्याः नामक् ^{।तद} pond to a better intake. Courts of real mes is word

Hence there was nothing ex-ing about the pre-tax profits t the first six months to last he. They only rose £5,000 £707,000.

The second six months changed that. Wadkin now reports that pre-tax profits rose last year from £1.6m to a record £1.73m, indicating that the second half year brought in as much as £1m.

The year's tax, by happy contrast, actually went down from £841,000 to £822,000 thanks to a drop in corporation tax, and adjustments relating to earlier

years.

The result was a jump in attributable net profits from f759,000 to £918,000, enough to hoist earnings a share from A final dividend 15.82p to 19.13p.

The gain in profits was to 8.16p gross.

despite a jump in depreciation from £289,000 to £418,000. It obviously owed a lot to head-way abroad rather than more modest progress at home.

Domestic sales are still more

important than those overseas. but far less so than before. In 1976 home sales moved from £8.7m to £9.4m, a rise of 8 per

But those overseas lumped by 39 per cent to £6.4m where they are now 40 per cent of the otal. A few years ago they were 25 per cent or smaller. A final dividend of 3,43p takes the total from 7.43p gross

ohn Menzies climbs over £3m

112 Bunk and Burman I have n the 12 months to January pre-tax profits of John nzies (Holdings), the Edin-The work of the state of gh-based newsagents, book-lers and High Street stores up, climbed from £2.72m to ecord £3.09m. Turnover was from £128.44m to £144.09m. total gross pay-out is being ed from 5.87p to 6.46p.

> . WALLIS/INT STORES ternational Stores believes that e offered for F. J. Walks is quate. Before general offer, e of 66p or less had been pited by holders of 62.1 per . With pre-bid price of only International sees no reason asse offer.

CREDIT RAISED ight-year standby credit for tricité de France raised to om (about 5411.7m) from ial \$400m stakes, lead manager, dit Lyonnais. Loan is designed back-up issue of commercial

)YDS BANK INTERNATIONAL he Export Credits Guarantee artment has guaranteed a sm loan arranged by Lloyds it International acting on all of Lloyds Bank to Denische GD buyer credit facility.

Briefly

JARDINE MATHESON JARDINE MATHESON
Yesterday we referred to
Jardine Matheson (South East
Asia) simply as Jardine Matheson.
This is, of course, wrong. The
results of the Hongkong based
parent, Jardine Matheson, are
discussed by the Financial Editor
on page 23.

SPEAR & JACKSON
Turnover for 1977 up from f33.3m to f37.93m and pre-tax profits from f1.18m to f1.41m. compared with board's estimate of f1.4m. Total gross payment raised from 7.3p to 11.36p.

BROKERS' COMMITTEE The Reinsurance Committee of Lloyd's Insurance Brokers' Association and the Reinstrance Brokers' Association have now been merged to form the Brokers' Reinsurance Committee which will be a standing committee of the British Insurance Brokers' Associa-

MENDIP INVESTMENT MENDIP INVESTMENT
In connexion with unitization, special resolution passed putting company into voluntary—liquidation. Application being made to SE to withdraw listing for ordinary shares from April 20. LIFE ASSOCIATION OF SCOTLAND

Accounts for 1976 show that long-term funds of the Life Association of Scotland increased by almost £10m to £68m. Total premium income grew by 19 per cent to £11.4m and investment income by a record 24 per cent to £6m. Claims and management expenses were 12 per cent higher at £7.3m.

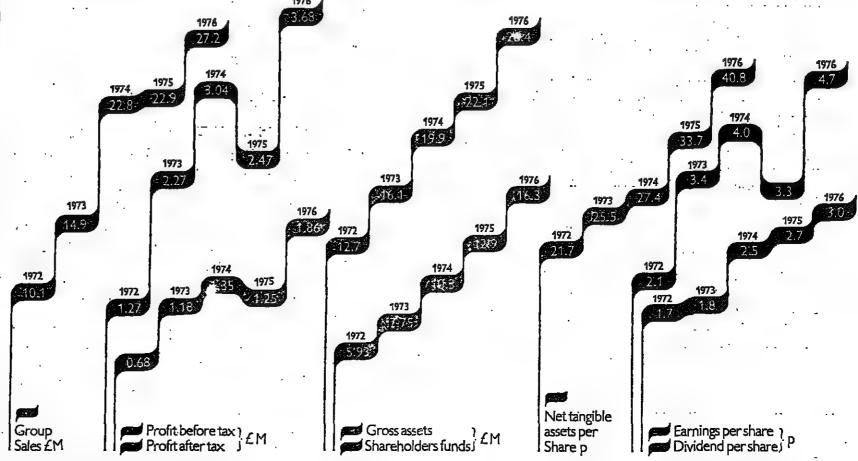
Influx of new labour in March quarter left output at Hartebeest-fontein and Loraine. Power charges also rose. Combined after tax profit of Harties, Loraine and ETC R5.7m (Dec quarter R7.2m).

NORDIC INVESTMENT BANK Nordiska Investeringsbanken in normska unvesteringsbanken intends shortly to offer notes to the nominal value of US \$40m and due June 1; 1984. The issue will be underwritten by an international banking syndicate.

ROTHECHILD INVESTMENT Rothschild Investment Trust's offer of 200p cash for Bridgewater offer of 200p cash for Bridgewater Estaces' shares not already held by RIT has been accepted by holders of 897 ordinary shares (0.03 per cent). Prior to the offer RIT held 414,400" shares (15.35 per cent). RIT is extending the period during which the offer may be accepted until April 29.



We keep on growing.



And growing very well indeed. In 1976 Group profits before tax were a record £3,683,000-an increase of 55% over last year. Earnings per share increased from 3.3p to 4.7p and net assets have risen to almost 41p per share.

These excellent results reflect the success of our carefully phased diversification over the last ten years. Some £2.4 million of the profit before tax came from our rubber and palm oil interests and £1.3 million from our UK companies.

We have achieved a lot in the last twelve years as part of our plan to develop as a more broadly based company. In 1965, Plantation Holdings started as a pure rubber company and diversified first in Malaysia into palm oil. Then into the UK where the policy was to acquire market leaders in specialist areas in the fields of light engineering, scientific instruments, electrical consumer goods and television production facilities.

December 31st	: 1976	1975
	£'000	£'000
Group Sales	27,150	22,955
Profit before tax	3,683	2,473
Earnings per share p	4.7p	3.3p
Dividend per share net p	1.9505թ	1.7732p
Net tangible assets	•	'
per Ordinary Share p. '	40.8p	33.7p
		

Quite simply, the initial purpose of our diversification in the UK was to equate earnings with those from Malaysia, but sharply rising commodity prices have since helped to keep Malaysian profits ahead.

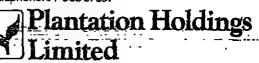
 The standard of the estates in Malaysia has been. improved to the highest level. At the same time we are expanding our existing businesses in the UK and actively

pursuing an acquisition policy to promote additional

So, our future growth does not just depend on high commodity prices. The full potential of our UK companies has yet to be realised in terms of increased contributions to Group profits. And the way things are going, we have good reason to be confident about the

Why not get in touch with the Company Secretary? He will gladly send you a copy of our 1976 Annual Report.

Plantation Holdings Limited, St. Alphage House, Fore Street, London, EC2Y 5DL Telephone: 01-588 6783:



Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of National Westminster Bank Limited, was held yesterday at Winchester House, EC2.

Sir John Prideaux, OBE (Chairman) presided.

Mr C F Green (Secretary) read the report of the Auditors.

With the concurrence of the members present the report and accounts which had previously been circulated were taken as read.

The Chairman moved "That the report and accounts be received and adopted".

Mr R Leigh-Pemberton (a Deputy Chairman), seconded the motion which was approved.

The retiring Directors were re-elected.

Resolutions to amend the Articles of Association and to determine the fees of the Directors were

A vote of thanks to the Chairman was proposed by Mr T A Gore-Browns and was agreed to unanimously.

The Chairman added words of thanks to Mr M. F. Berry and Lord Plowden who retired at the Meeting.

THE SCOTTISH LIFE

CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT



BONUS Increased rates of interim bonus—announced for with profits policies, life fund to £4% per annum annuity and pension fund policies to £4.40% per annum-indicates confidence in underlying strength of the Company.

£23 million for Investment portfolio end of year cooprised 56.7°, fixed interest securities, 24.5°, ordinary shares and 18.8% property.

NEW PREMIUM INCOME
The net new premiums for 1976 at £7.2 million were 12% greater than those for 1975.

GROUP PENSIONS
Pleasing to be able to report another record year for pensions business. Net renewal premium Income increased by a further 20% during 1976.

SELF EMPLOYED PENSIONS We revised completely those contracts for the self employed persons—now offer a range unrivalled in the market, including bond, policy, and a unlique family increase policy. family income policy.

JARDINES:

EARNINGS

1976 after tax earnings of HK\$301.5 million compared.

with HK\$265.3 million in 1975, an increase of 13.6%. Earnings

■ A final dividend of HK\$0.45 per stock unit is recommended, making a total of HK\$0.63 for the year - a 10% increase over

per stock unit rose to HK\$1.47 from HK\$1.40 as adjusted, an

the adjusted 1975 figure of HK\$0.57. Dividend in scrip form

Hong Kong, the head office and main operating base,

Increased profits throughout the group came from

by the acquisition of new companies and of minority

traditional trading service and property activities, strengthened

■ Middle East interests - mainly in Saudi Arabia - of our

Substantial capital investment of HK\$654 million made

dividends from a well balanced geographical and functional

1977 is expected to show continued growth in earnings and

1975

HK\$

265.3m

Currency converted from HKS at middle market closing rates on 31st

Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd, Connaught Centre, Hong Kong

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1976

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duting the year but liquidity position remains strong.

associated company, Transporting and Trading Company Inc., showed results ahead of expectations. First dividend will be

again contributed 49% of net earnings.

shareholdings in subsidiaries.

spread of business.

19 April 1977

Earnings after tax

Stockholders' funds

December, 1976.

Earnings per stock unit

Dividends per stock unit

D.K. Newbigging, Chairman

increase of 5.0%.

with cash alternative.

FINANCIAL NEWS

Rights issue on the cards as Chamberlain seeks acquisition

By Ray Maughan
After a year of record profits,
hydraulic engineer and struc-tural steel fabricator Chamber lain Group is entering a phase of trading and technical consolidation.

At the same time, the board is actively looking for an acqui-sition in the field of precision engineering—for which it would prefer to offer a high paper content-and a rights issue is also under serious considera-

Not that Chamberlain is in any fundamental need of cash. The end-1976 balance sheet will show net current assets of £5.12m against £3.79m and deferred tax of £1.63m against

Boosted by a strong upturn from the two structural steel subsidiaries, whose contribution climbed from £175,000 to around the film mark in aggreoverall pre-tax profits

its attempt to take over Nation-

vehicle auction turnover improved from £30.77m to

138.9m, and commissions earned from £1.43m to £1.62m.

from £1.43m to £1.62m.

Meanwhile, the results for February and March show a very encouraging start to the second-balf with every motor auction branch showing higher profits. Moreover, the other sectors of the group's business have also made a useful contribution. The interim payment gross is lifted

terim payment gross is lifted from an adjusted 0.75p to 1p. The board forecasts the maxi-mum permitted total.

The outdook for the year ahead at National Westminster Bank remains " limited growth ",

Sir John Prideaux, chairman, told the annual meeting. Although there had been a rapid

fall in interest rates, industry was still reductant to borrow.

He said that it was reassuring that the Chancelor had recog-

NatWest cautious

sound interim rise

advanced from £926,000 to companies have been under of £1.96m. The shares climbed 10 spection with a view m a nos yesterday in a very narrow market to 370p where the p/e ratio

Chamberlain has recently discontinued its housebuilding activities for a terminal loss of £94,000 and the £500,000 realized on the sale of land and work in-progress will be used to boost capital spending this year to a peak fim.

Short term, the loss of planned extra output will not be critical. At home, steel structural demand is merely holding steady and hydraulics, although still firm with low stock levels. are not up to their best.

Export sales, however, are still encouraging with the steel side budgeted to double to around £2m. A further £500,000

Hampton Trust

Local authorities

The rate on issues of local authority negotiable bonds has been raised for the second week running. This week, bonds with one year to maturity have been issued at 10½ per cent (against 10 per cent) at par, while the course on two year hands has

coupon on two-year bonds has been set at 113 per cent, and on three year bonds at 12 per

cent. Among those raising more than film are Buckinghamshire, Hounslow, Fife, Greenwich, Medway and Waltham Forest.

In 1976, turnover of Electrical

and Industrial Securities rose

from £9.76m to a record

from £9.76m to a record £10.17m, while pre-tax profits were 15 per cent higher at a peak £1.3m. The total gross payment is going up from 3.75p to 4.12p. Liquidity at the end of the year improved again, with cash on deposit exceeding £1.5m.

Capital expenditure increased "substantially". Prospects con-tinue to be good.

year of loss

From Peter Norman
Bonn, April 19
After last week's disclosure
of a DM222m loss (about
£52.8m) in 1976, Neckermann
Versand KGAA, the West German mail order and retail con-

cern, has announced that it will

be unable to return to profit

this year.

The company, which is in the process of being taken over and reorganized by Karstadt AG,

Germany's largest retail group, plans to concentrate its activi-ties on mail order business.

Honda Motor of Japan ex-

pects a 29 per cent increase to 20,000m yen (about £40.4m) in

the current year to February 1978, Mr Hideo Siglura, manag-

International

ing director, states that he expects sales in both the domes-tic and export market of four-wheel vehicles to expand

Swire Pacific, one of Hong-knog's major trading house re-ports consolidated earnings soaring 71 per cent in 1976 to HK\$125.5m (about £14.7m) from HK\$73.3m the year before The

HK\$73.3m the year before. The directors recommend a final dividend of 21 cents for each

"A" share, making a total of 30 cents up from 25 cents. A scrip of one-for-five is also

RCA Corporation of America, the electronics giant, says it expects 1977 to be its best-ever

year because of strong first-quarter gains and the added impetus of an improving

RCA looks to peak

planned.--AP-DJ.

Swire Pacific jumps

Honda sees 29pc rise

E & I Securities

spection with a view to a possible purchase and the board is anxious to add profits of between £500,000 and £1m. A rights is elso a strong possibility and Mr Stephen Gradidge finance director, said vesterday

that a bid for a cash-fidled trust is also possible as a cheaper way of throwing a rights. With 40 per cent of the equity held by Mr L. F. Chamberlain, chair man, a further 20 per cent in the hands of Brown & Sharpe International Capital Corpora-tion of Rhode Island (neither of which are thought likely to subscribe for a rights) and Industried & General Trust controlling 7; per cent, the group is peinfully aware that the market is

far too narrow. The total dividend is hoisted should be coming through from to the maximum permitted bydraudies to make £4.5m.

Various precision engineering yield is 12.8 per cent.



Mr D. A. Wickins, chairman of British Car Auction Group,

European profit **Utd Carriers** slows but tops boost for peak £2m **Cadbury**

A 300 per cent profits rise on a 22 per cent sales increase in Continental Europe is shown in the annual report of Cadbury

Schweppes.
Mr Adrian Cadbury, chairman, says this shows the results which can be achieved by consistently focusing marketing attention on brand and regional brioticies in juterustions development.

The objective in Europe, he reports, has been to make better use of the Schweppes name and product range, which are known and established across the Continent. Sales there in 1976 reached £66m with total litre sales of Schweppes soft drinks up by 29 per cent. Profits rose from £1.3m to £5.2m.

ton and Mr A. S. R. Arminge, have resigned.

Dr Thomas Harrington has been made a director of Leeds Fermanent Emilding Society. Mr Donglas Crockatt has retired.

Mr P. G. Woodworth has been appointed group financial controller of Steetley. Mr P. M. Burrell becomes group treasurer.

Mr John Wotherspoon has been elected chairman of the Singer Co (UK). He succeeds Mr Donald G. Robbins, Jr, who will retire as senior vice-president and member of the board of the Singer Co at the annual meeting in New York on May 12. Mr Larry F. Neely has been made general manager. Clydebank, replacing Mr Wotherspoon. He will also become director of the Singer Co (UK). Mr Anthony C. French, managing director of Marketing (UK) has been made vice-chairman of the company.

Mr Michael Smith heromes

Mr L. F. Felton becomes financial director and company secretary of U. U. Textiles. Mr D. J. Frampton has resigned.

Mr G. Roy Pritchard, managing director of West Midlands Press, has been elected chairman of the Weekly Newspaper Advertising Borean in succession to Mr Colin Bell. Mr Giles Cross of United

Mr Richard Strong has been appointed to the board of Computer Analysis and Programmers. Mr Authory Cannon and Mr John Ward join the board of Jackson Bourne End.

Mr A. D. Portor has been elected deputy chairman of F. B. Tomkins from May 1. Mr L. J. Brown, Mr S. R. Hill and Mr A. D. Walters will join the board from the same date.

Mr John Spearing has been elected president of the Concrete Block Association.

Mr A. D. Yano has been made.

Mr T. R. Clarkson becomes nanaging director of Haymill Motors.
Mr Edward Jones, until recently

Tarmac Minerals.

Mr John Swarbrick joins the board of Thistle Hotels.

Mr J. H. Icke has become a director of Weir Foundries (Export Sales).

Mr P. W. McGrath has become a director of York Trailer.

Mr John Wilcox becomes vice-chalrman and Johns the board of Deanson (Holdings).

Topping £2m for the first time, United Carriers, the

Bad debt

provision

Higgs & Hill

Once again exceptional provi-

sions have marred an otherwise

reasonable increase in trading

profits at construction group Higgs & Hill.

Trading prefits rose 27 per cent to 52.78m in the year to end-December, 1976, on near to

a quarter rise in turnover to 5102m. But the group has had to make a 5500,000 provision

against a doubtful debt arising

from a contract in Jamaica for

Town & Commercial. This has

cut the improvement at the pre-

tax level to a mere 4 per cent

As Higgs & Hill is now near-

ing the completion of a number

of major contracts, the ever-cautious management has felt

able to bring in some of the

profits on these to the latest results. Meanwhile other con-

tracts, especially the National

Elsewhere, the very much smaller civil and structural

engineering side has apparently held its own, although the pro-perty division has marked time with delays in letting the Brimsdown and Maidstone deve-

lopments.
Overseas, the Caribbean is

still proving a trouble spot with possible further contract provi-sions necessary. But the group has continued the drive for overseas work in the Middle

Even though most of the troublesome contracts of the early 1970s have worked through the market's jaundiced

view of contractors keeps the shares down to 3.8p times earn-ings and yielding 9.8 per cent at 43p.

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By Ronald Pullen

express parcels group, showed some slackening of the hot pace in the opening spell. For the year to January 29 pre-tax profit climbed 41 per cent to a bestever 52.36m after the opening advance of 77 per cent to £1.3m.
The final stage contributed some £1m. At midterm Mr Graham Miller, chairman, looked to "considerable" improved profits
Turnover for the year just

past rose from £10.9m to £14.4m. Net profit improved from £812,000 to £1,12m. The board declares a total dividend lifted from 2.89p gross to 3.19p, the maximum permissible.

Business appointments

Neckermann | Next UK chairman named faces another for J Walter Thompson

Mr Denis Lonigan, deputy chairman of the J. Waiter Thompson Group in the UK, is to become chairman when Dr John Treasure gives up this position at the end of the year. Dr Treasure will also

of the year. Dr Treasure will also be retiring as a member of the JWT board in New York in April, 1978.

Following the offer by BSR for Judge International, Mr G. R. Wooldridge, deputy managing director of BSR has been named chairman of Judge. Mr L. Ressler has stepped down as chairman but remains managing director of Judge. Mr J. N. Ferguson, chairman and managing director of BSR, becomes a director of Judge. The two non-executive directors of Judge. Mr E. L. Langton and Mr A. S. R. Armitage, have resigned.

Dr Thomas Harrington has been

company.

Mr Michael Smith becomes financial director of Reliant

Mr Jack Reynolds, vice-chairman and chief executive of George Wills and Sons (Holdings), is to succeed Mr Philip Wills as chairman, probably in July. Mr Wills will remain on the board and will become the company's first president. Mr P. G. B. Wills will succeed Mr Reynolds as vice-chairman.

Mr Leslie Dew, until recently the senior deputy chairman of Lloyd's of London, has been

named managing director of

Bri izmco Mr David Richardson has been

Mr Valentine Rees has been made chairman of Rees Pitchford made chairman of Rees Pitchford following the resignation of Mr N. S. Carr from the board, Mr A. J. Williams becomes managing director, and is succeeded as secretary director by Mr J. I. Greenshields. The following have joined the board: Mr I. Q. L. Bailey, Mr R. Brooker. Mr J. W. R. Burt, Mr C. B. Gainey and Mr A. E. Pool.

Mr G. L. Chambers and Mr R. G. Thomas have been admitted as partners of Dixon Wilson. Mr Anthony Letts us become chief executive of Nadella Bear-ing. He succeeds Mr Martin Pol-

Mr A. D. Yapp has been made managing director of Denco Miller.

managing director of Steetley Minerals Group, has been made director and general manager of Tannac Minerals.

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Unilever N.V.

Rotterdam, The Netherlands

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

On Wednesday, May 11, 1977, at 10.30 a.m. at the Company's office at Burgemeester's Jacobplein 1, Rotterdain

AGENDA

Annual Report for: 1976. Approval and adoption of the Balance Sheet and the Profit and Loss Account for 1976 and adoption of the proposed Profit Appropriation for 1976.

Appointment of the Board of Directors.

Appointment of Auditors. Ouestions...`

This agenda, the Annual Report for 1976 including the Balance Sheer, the Profit and Loss Account, the proposed Profit Appropriation and the nominations relating to stems 3 and 4 of the agenda are available for inspection by share holders and holders of certificates issued by N. V. Nederlandsch Administratie— en Trustkantnor at the Company's office, Rotterdam, and at the offices of the Banks mentioned below, where copies may be obtained free of charge. (A) Holders of bearer shares or sub-shares wishing to extend

the meeting either in person or by proxy appointed in writing must deposit their share certificates and subshare certificates by Wednesday, May 4, 1977, at the Company's office or at the offices of the Amsterdam. Rotterdam or The House of the Kredisthack in Arturate the Concept. Rotterdam Bank N.V. in Amsterdam, Rotterdam or The Hague, of the Kredietbank in Antwerp, the Generale Bankmaatschoopij or Bank Brussel Lambert in Brussels, of Midland Bank Limited in London, or any of its branches, of Banque Rothschild in Paris, of the Dresdner Bank A.G., or the Deutsche Bank A.G. in Hamburg, Düsseldorf, Frankfurt-am-Main, or Munich, or the Bank für Handel und Industrie A.G. or the Berlimer Disconto Bank A.G. in Berlin, of the Creditanstalt-Eankvereiu, the Oesterreichische Länderbank Altiengesellschaft or Schoolles F.C. in Vienna er ann ein bei heir krushen ef Schoolles F.C. in Vienna er ann ein bei heir krushen ef Schoolles F.C. in Vienna er ann ein beit krushen ef Schoolles F.C. in Vienna er ann ein beit krushen ef Schoolles F.C. in Vienna er ann ein beit krushen ef Schoolles F.C. Schoeller & Co. in Vienna or any of their branches, of the Schweizerischer Bankverein (Swiss Bank Corpor-ation), the Schweizerische Kreditanstalt (Swiss Credit Eank) in Zurich; Geneva, Basle or Lansanne or of Morgan Guaranty Trust Company of New York in New York City. Upon production of the receipt then issued to them such holders will be admitted to the meeting.

(B) Holders of registered shares, certificates for which are countersigned by Morgan Guaranty Trust Company of New York West Work and Company of Company of

New York, New York, wishing to attend the meeting either in person or by proxy appointed in writing must notify the Company of their intention on the form provided by the Company (or by letter, stating the numbers of their share certificates), which must reach Morgan Guaranty Trust Company of New York, 30 West Broadway, New York, N.Y. 10015, by Wednesday, May 4, 1977.

(C) Holders of registered shares for which certificates have been issued in another form and holders of booked shares wishing to attend the meeting either in person or by proxy appointed in writing must notify the Company of their intention by letter, stating the numbers of the share certificates or of the bookings for the shares, which must reach Unitever N.V., Afdeling Effecten an Coupons, Rotterdam, by Wednesday, May 4, 1977.

Holders of certificates for shares in Unilever N.V. issued by N.V. Nederlandsch Administratie- an Trustkantoor of Amsterdam ("Nedemtrust certificates") wishing to attend the meeting without taking part in the voting must deposit such certificates by Wednesday, May 4, 1977 at any of the offices mentioned in (A) above. Upon production of the receipt then issued to them, such certificate holders will be admitted to the meeting. (E) If holders of the certificates mendoned to (D) above

wish to exercise voting rights at the meeting either in wish to exactise voting rights at the meeting either in person or by proxy appointed in writing N.V. Nederlandsch Administratie— en Trustkantoor will exchange such certificates free of charge for original shares, which it will hold in the names of such holders at its own office (such office being the designated place of deposit in the event) and exchange the same against after the meeting free of charge for Nedmarus certificates to be issued to such holders in accordance with the conditions of administration. For such purpose with the conditions of administration. For such purpose holders must by Tuesday, May 3, 1977:
surrender their certificates for Fl. 20 or a multiple

thereof (but, in the case of certificates for 7°, cumulative preference sheres, representing a total nominal amount of Fl. 1,000 or a multiple thereof) to N.V. Nederlandsch Administratie— en Trustkantoor

Keizersgrecht 558, Amsterdem, and surrender their sub-share certificates for Fl. 12 nominal amount or multiples thereof, representing a toral nominal amount of at least FL 60 per class (but in the case of sub-share certificates for 7% cumulative preference shares, representing a total nominal amount of Fl. 1,000 or a multiple thereof to Midland Bank. Limited, Mariner House, Pepys Street, London EC3N 4DA or only of its branches.

The certificates so surrendered must be accompanied by a request in writing as described in the conditions of by a raquest in writing as described in the conductors of administration, forms for this purpose being obtainable free of charge from N.V. Nederlandsch Administratien Trustkantoor, Amsterdam, and Midland Bank Limited, London. Upon production of the receipts that issued by N.V. Nederlandsch Administratie— en Trest-kantoor and Midland Benk Limited respectively the holders will be admitted to the meeting. The receipt issued by Midland Bank Limited for sub-share certificates so surrendered incorporates a two-way

proxy form. Rotterdam, April 20, 1977.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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is a guide to general market W German rise in cocoa grindings

Bonn, April 19.—West German cocoa grindings in the first quarter of 1977 rose 5.7 per cent to 38.297 tonnes from 36.221 when compared with the same period last year, the Confectionery industry Association said. Recent Issues

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Sterling and the dollar closed little changed on balance in calmer trading in Europe's main currency centres. Further moderate sales of sterling, including liquidation from Germany and Scandinavia, reflected European market concern over growing British trade union opposition to continued tight wage opposition to continued right wage restraint, dealers said.

The dollar was little changed against most other coordinated European currencies.

Sterling's trade-weighted index, as calculated by the Bank of England, against 21 currencies was unchanged at 61.7, with December, 1971 = 100.

Gold closed in London at \$150.375, \$0.5 an ounce down on the day.

Spot Position of Sterling

Forward Levels

Paris Streikholm

Discount market Credit conditions were fairly comfortable on Lombard St yesterday although the Bank of England eventually gave a moderate amount of assistance. This was channelled via purchases of Treasury bills directly from the houses.

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Rates had writed in the region of 8!-! per cent, but by mid-day money was coming in some volume at about 8 per cent. The authorities' programme of help, thought to have been slightly overdone, enabled houses to pick up final balances at 6 per cent, although one house was heard to have finished down at 4 per cent. Most of the underlying factors on the day were of small proportions. The market had a net take-up of Treasury bills to finance, there was a very slight excess of revenue receipts over Government disbursements, and the market repaid the small loans made by the Bank on Monday.

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The Wall Street and Canadian stock prices in the table relate to Monday's close. Later publication is caused by the change to Eritish Summer Time, This will continue until Eastern Daylight Time begins in the United States.

At meeting of shareholders Robb Caledon Shipbuilders M. D. McPhail appointed stockholders' representative.

Wall Street

New York, April 19.—Stocks closed moderately lower on the New York Stock Exchange, ignoring favourable economic news while investors awaited details of The Dow Jones industrial average was down 3.99 points to 938.77.

Declining issues outnumbered gainers \$20 to \$35.

Volume totalled 19.51 million thanks a few 17.92 million on Volume totalled 19.51 million shares, up from 17.83 million on Monday.

The market paid little attention to the report of a better-than-expected 1.7 per cent increase in personal income in March, the biggest in 21 mor hs. It also continued to ignore the report of a strong gain in March housing starts.

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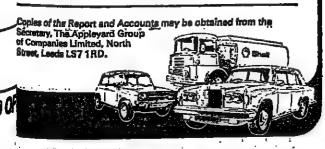
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Ordinary Dividend 4.00p Rate per annum 4.40p 7.97p 11.60p Earnings per share £10,363,606 £9,530,800 **Group Net Assets**

★ Record Profits — up 38% ★ Earnings per share — up 46%

* First 2 months 1977 — Profits up 27%

Winner of Rolls-Royce Service Trophy in 1973, 1975 and 1976



Engineers and Tubing Manufacturers

A RECORD YEAR

1975 1976 £'000s £'000s. 30,198 36,917 · 3,262 2,965 Earnings per share - 10.85p Dividend per 2.9265p

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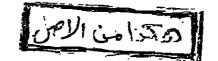
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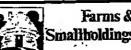
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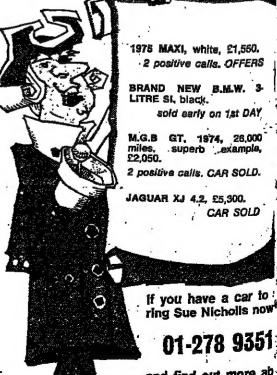
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